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Shanghai	dep.			7.55	8.05	8.20	10.47	11.15	11.40	12.05	2.05	2.30	2.55	3.15	3.40	4.10	4.35	4.55	6.40
Yantai	dep.			7.55	8.15	8.35	10.48	11.16	11.41	12.06	2.06	2.31	2.56	3.16	3.41	4.11	4.36	4.56	6.41
Yantai Market	dep.			7.55	8.15	8.35	10.48	11.16	11.41	12.06	2.06	2.31	2.56	3.16	3.41	4.11	4.36	4.56	6.41
Yantai	arr.			7.47	7.57	8.07	10.40	11.08	11.33	11.58	1.57	2.17	2.40	2.57	3.17	3.40	4.07	4.27	6.30
Shanghai	dep.			7.50	8.00	8.10	10.42	11.10	11.35	12.00	2.00	2.25	2.50	3.00	3.25	3.50	4.00	4.25	6.30
Shanghai	arr.	7.57	8.07	8.17	10.43	11.11	11.36	11.61	12.01	12.40	2.01	2.26	2.51	3.01	3.26	3.51	4.01	4.26	6.30
Yantai	dep.			7.55	8.05	8.15	10.48	11.16	11.41	12.06	2.06	2.31	2.56	3.16	3.41	4.11	4.36	4.56	6.41
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LORD SOUTHBOROUGH ON THE COMING COMMERCIAL REVIVAL.

Lord Southborough contributes to the *Yorkshire Post Annual Trade Review* the following interesting article on "A New Direction for our Trade".

"The Government and people of this country are preparing to enjoy the fruits of five centuries of enterprise and effort by producing and developing commerce with our Dominions, Colonies and Dependencies. The British Empire Exhibition, to be held at Wembley in 1924, is to be one of the great instruments in this trade development.

It will come none too soon. The terrible period of trade depression from which we are at last emerging taught British manufacturers a lesson by which they have plainly profited. The boom that preceded this depression had been most marked in quarters that should properly have been regarded with suspicion; there was a rush to buy on the part of those whose entire wealth consisted of the money they were spending and who had no hope of replacing it. At home, the last war savings and gratuities were dissipated; abroad, buyers were spending borrowed money—largely British loans. It was the final gesture of a man who sees bankruptcy staring him in the face, and the sequel was a complete cessation of business. No one would buy, for no one any longer could pay.

Trade is now improving, but there is and must be for years little hope of better conditions generally in our old European markets; to extend our connections in impoverished countries at this moment would, therefore, be wasted effort for we do not want customers who cannot pay. We must find regular buyers, and only the British Empire can provide them, since the high tariffs of America will make future business with that country more difficult and comparatively unremunerative.

The British Empire Exhibition will give manufacturers in this country an opportunity of seeing for themselves exactly what raw materials each Dominion can produce, and what they would cost landed in this country. It will show how, by the right utilization of capital, Imperial resources that are at present undeveloped might be transformed into wealth. The Exhibition will demonstrate exactly what manufactures our prospective customers in the Dominions require. No great industrial country as Yorkshire has, therefore, the keenest interest in its success.

1924 will be a year of movement for the British peoples. Special arrangements are already being made to attract and provide for an unprecedented number of tourists from every Dominion and Colony; Britain will call her sons home. Canadian, Australian, South African will come to visit this Exhibition, to see their own display, and the vast evidences of our Imperial supremacy in manufactures of every kind. The critical in every country are already aware that the best-told goods can only be woven in the British Empire, but the numbers who will see our cloth, our steel, our dyes, our machinery at the British Empire Exhibition will awaken a demand for such excellence in their own lands that a generation of intensive propaganda and advertisement could not provoke. The best way to sell honest merchandise is to show it. Never has there been such an opportunity for British merchants to show their goods as this Exhibition will give them. Every exhibitor knows that a vast public that he could never have hoped to reach will see his goods under the most favourable circumstances; that these visitors will be in a receptive and enquiring mood; that they will have money to spend. Any who asks for proof that the Dominions will be here has only to learn the extent to which every overseas government, in the name of its people, has pledged its support. There is no room in this brief article to describe all the details of the participation of each Dominion Colony and Dependency, but this summary of the arrangements that the larger British lands have already made may be taken as proportionately illustrative of them all.

The Canadian Government have indicated that they will require an area of 150,000 sq. ft. and some two acres of land in addition. They will co-operate also in the organisation of the Imperial Exhibits.

A building covering 150,000 sq. ft. will be erected. The Commonwealth Government are prepared to spend £250,000 on their participation. They will also co-operate in the Imperial Exhibits.

A minimum expenditure of £50,000 has been agreed to, and the New Zealand Government desire space reserved for a Pavilion occupying 45,000 sq. ft. and capable of extension. The Government also propose to erect a Restaurant and Maori Museum as a separate building in New Zealand timber.

The Government will make provision to the extent of £50,000 on the estimate for 1922-1923 for participation. It is proposed to erect a building occupying about 25,000 sq. ft. The Government will co-operate in the Imperial Exhibits, but reserve the right to include a Mineral Resources Exhibit in their own Pavilion.

Newfoundland has asked that a site of 8,000 sq. ft. should be reserved for her, and has indicated that her minimum expenditure will be £12,000.

The Indian Government have asked for 100,000 sq. ft. to be reserved. A site has been provisionally allotted. An expenditure of £107,000 on participation has been decided upon.

A site of approximately two and a half acres (on which a Barmess Village will be built) has been applied for and provisionally allotted, and buildings are being planned to occupy a space of about 22,000 sq. ft.

"AS IN 423."

A PRECEDENT FOR TO-DAY'S CONFUSION.

An interesting comparison between the present position of the world and that of the world fifteen hundred years ago was made by Professor Graham Wallas to the Association of University Women Teachers at Bedford College, Regent's Park, London.

Fifteen hundred years ago, said Professor Wallas, ancient civilisation was visibly falling in ruins. Attila had just sacked Rome; Attila was a boy of seventeen, dreaming of still worse disasters that he was to inflict upon the Western world, and the Vandals were pressing on towards the destruction of civilisation in North Africa. All the structure of government on which the ancient world was organised by Rome had depended, had come to an end. Roman law was no longer valid. All habits, all loyalties, all ideals, all philosophies, all religions of the ancient world were passing away, and men may have asked themselves at that time if the mind of man was strong and wise enough to keep the reconstruction of the world under control, or whether disaster must come.

Thought was going on at that time, and intense thought. Augustine, in Hippo, was just finishing his treatise on "The City of God." Celsus, after training amongst the hermits in Egypt, had just founded the first monastery in the South of France. But they were thinking rather of another world than this, and their very concentration helped the world to accept accident and drift rather than rational purpose as the form of its future evolution, and we knew the disastrous results that persisted for a thousand years.

In 1923, said the Professor, a problem he thought of even more than that of magnitude is before us. The material world—the world that slowly and painfully created itself upon the fragments of Roman civilisation—is falling in ruins. No one knows what is government in China; no one knows what will be the government a year hence in Russia; no one knows what will be the government in Germany, in Italy, or in Spain. Right across, from the Pacific to the Atlantic, right across the great Eurasian continent, the old system has fallen in ruins, and the danger we have to face is greater and more intense than the danger with which the world was confronted at the fall of the ancient civilisation.

In the first place, the social problem is infinitely more complex. Where there were a few cultivators in the clearings of the woods fifteen hundred years ago, or a few hundred shepherds out in the plains, now there are millions upon millions of industrialised and concentrated factory-workers. The very existence of the present population of the Eurasian continent depends upon organisation; and to substitute accident and drift and confusion for organisation means to reduce the population to something like what it was at the fall of the ancient world. It means multiplying by hundreds the horrors which some of them had seen in the photographs that Dr. Nansen recently brought back from Russia.

Prof. Wallas proceeded to urge the necessity for not giving up the effort to produce the best thoughts in the present world-crisis; and said that while it was true that we could not, by direct effort, secure great new thoughts, there were certain indirect efforts by which we could make it more likely that such thoughts would come into the world. He quoted Shelley, who said that poets were "the unacknowledged legislators of the world," as seeing more of the significance of what was going on in the world than ninety-nine out of a hundred of those who were taking a direct part in things. The reason that the introduction of machinery and the transformation of human life at the end of the eighteenth century did not produce greater disturbances than it did was largely because there were men who had poetic inspiration, and could see and communicate what had happened.

be built) has been applied for and provisionally allotted, and buildings are being planned to occupy a space of about 22,000 sq. ft.

The site of the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley Park should command itself to the whole business community of Britain, since it possesses railway facilities far in excess of any enjoyed by previous exhibitions. Exhibits will be conveyed direct to their places by special railway lines running into the main buildings, and visitors from the furthest Highlands of Scotland or the remotest corners of England and Wales will be able to travel without change to either of the two main line stations, the Great Central Wembley Hill, and the London and North Western, Wembley. Londoners can take their choice of train, tram, underground, omnibus or taxi. Trains from Baker Street and Marylebone will take only nine minutes to reach the Exhibition. From no fewer than 128 stations in the London area the Exhibition may be reached in an average time of eighteen minutes, and when the opening date is reached and the special traffic arrangements have been completed Wembley Park will be the most readily accessible point in all London.

Apart from the display of merchandise on an unprecedented scale, the British Empire Exhibition will be a centre for the ventilation of all matters of national and Imperial importance. The first World Power Conference under the presidency of the Earl of Derby will be held there in the Congress Hall and Education, Overseas settlement, Imperial Policy, Unemployment—a hundred topics—all to be debated. The British people for the first time will be provided with an Imperial Forum.

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NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the First Meeting of Creditors of the Company will be held at the Official Receiver's Office at the Courts of Justice, Victoria, at 11.30 a.m. on the 15th day of March, 1923, at 11 a.m., and the First Meeting of Contributors will be held at the same place on the same day at 11.30 a.m. Dated this 8th day of March, 1923.

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The first occurrence happened about a year ago when several cases of a shipment of cotton piecegoods were found to contain nothing but refuse, the substitution having apparently taken place at some point between the warehouse of Engel-Upman and Company, New York, and those of Lim Tui Co. Company, Manila. Investigation followed the report of the occurrence, but nothing ever came of it.

The second instance of the kind came to light a week ago when Lim Tui Co. received consignment of ten cases purporting to contain cotton piecegoods valued at approximately \$4,000, but which upon being opened were found to hold nothing more valuable than bags of coal, paving stones, hay, ashes mixed with asphalt and other refuse commonly found about warehouses.

Upon discovery of the first case which had been tampered with, C. B. Nelson, Lloyd's surveyor, was called to open the remaining cases. Nine other cases were found to contain worthless junk. The outward appearance of the cases would not indicate that the contents had been tampered with in any way. The strapping and cleats were all secure and in good condition, showing no signs of ever having been loosened.

This shipment came by the *s.s. City of Norwich*, of the American-Manchurian Line. The marine insurance policy issued by the North River Insurance Company, New York, listed Warner, Barner and Company as their Manila agents. Warner-Barner and Company, however, denied having any connection whatever with the North River Insurance Company when the matter was taken up with the former, and Lim Tui Co. Company has forwarded all documents directly to the New York office of the insurance company, together with a claim.

The last bogus consignment—that discovered this morning—was shipped per the *s.s. Kumeria* of the American Oriental Line, arriving at Manila February 26th. This shipment is virtually the same as the previous cases. Of the consignment of twenty-five cases, five contained only worthless refuse while the remaining twenty-one contained goods as per bill of lading. These cases containing "junk" looked exactly like those containing legitimate cargo, the hoops and cleats being undamaged and intact. The five cases were billed to contain piecegoods to the value of more than fifteen hundred dollars.

Owing to the number of places where it would be possible for the shipment to be tampered with, investigation of cases of this nature is extremely difficult.

SAIGON RICE MARKET.

The Compagnie de Commerce et de Navigation d'Extrême Orient, in their report dated Saigon, February 26th, state:—

Our market has slightly advanced in sympathy with Hongkong. The demand from South China for paddy (rough rice) is very strong, and the amount exported from January 1st to February 26th is 54,000 tons, against 22,000 tons during the same period of 1922. Small inquiries have been received from Japan and other Far Eastern markets without much success. Home buyers are more reserved and the volume of business closed with France has considerably decreased.

The total amount of rice exported from January 1st to February 12th, 1923, is 140,740 tons, against 120,253 in 1922.

We quote to-day:—White Saigon rice, No. 2 sifted, Japan quality, Hongkong, \$3.50 per picul, f.o.b. Saigon, for March shipment.

WHAT IS EYESTRAIN?

The eye has certain tiny muscles. When objects we look at do not come up to a sharp focus in the eye, these muscles exert themselves unduly and enable us to see clearly in spite of the defect. These muscles tire and relax causing the objects looked at to become blurred and indistinct. Upon closing the eyes for a few seconds the muscles become more or less rested and objects are clear again for a brief period. Properly fitted glasses correct eyestrain, whether caused by astigmatism or age. The Hongkong Optical Co., successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing and Refracting Opticians, 63 Queen's Road Central, have the equipment to fit you glasses properly.—ADVT.

CATS.

As the Cat and Dog Show is being held to-day, the following observations on Cats, which appeared as a leading article in a recent issue of *The Times* will doubtless have an interest for many readers:—Cats, of all domesticated animals, have changed least in appearance or in character under human guidance. Any of the champions on view at the Crystal Palace (in December) would have passed for a domestic cat in Ancient Egypt, and tens of centuries before our era would have passed to the Royal "stroking" of a Rameses or a Tutankhamen. Dogs have been plastic clay in our hands, fitting any mould, responding to our needs or whims in form and disposition. Cats have shown a resisting stability. The members of the National Cat Club have done little more than to encourage inborn tendencies or to reshuffle natural diversities. Although all the varieties seem to be fertile when intercrossed, domestic cats have a multiple origin, so providing a blundered material out of which selections can be made. Little is known beyond the fact of the existence, before Europeans reached America, of breeds such as the small Paraguay cat and the hairless cat of New Mexico; doubtless they were derived from indigenous small felines and have no share in the ancestry of the Crystal Palace champions. The blue-eyed royal breed of Siam, of which Lieutenant Paget's superb example took three first prizes, is an introduction so recent and so coveted that its blood has not yet been allowed to mingle with that of other stocks. But there still remain several separate sources of the stock out of which champions are produced. The ancient Egyptian domestic cat came from a striped and spotted wild cat, probably native to Egypt, and when brought to Europe crossed with several native wild breeds. There, also, it met and crossed with a domestic cat from China and the Far East, with a silky coat and characteristic blotched or spiral pattern on the sides, still to be traced in London "tabbies." But these several origins and many centuries of domestication have brought so little change that wild cats still wear and wear our tame tabbies, and domesticated cats, run wild, in one or two generations are taken to be *ferus nature*. The change in character is even less than the change in appearance, for the domestic cat has made almost no concessions to our hospitality. Its tameness and affection are on its own terms and in its own time; see it with a mouse, or attempt to subdue it by punishment, and you will find the gloves slipped and the wild creature in its pristine ferocity. In actual fact, from the tiger to the cat, every wild species of the genus *Felis* is almost equally ready to show tameness and affection to those who rear it kindly. Many persons possess a cross-breed, a horse or a giraffe, a dog or a cat with an equal pleasure. Such persons, we must suppose, miss the finer shades of animal psychology and the deeper intimacy that comes from knowledge. Far be it from us to debate the respective merits of friendship with dogs and cats; we shall only suggest that he who has no choice has a superficial affection for both. The real preference depends not on a reasoned argument, but on a deep-seated congenity. There are many famous instances in life and in literature which would repay collation and possibly reveal two kinds of human disposition in tune respectively with the dog and the cat.

THE RICE SITUATION
IN CHINA.
DISQUIETING REPORTS AS A
RESULT OF AN EMBARGO.

The *Shanghai Mercury* says that disquieting reports in regard to the outlook of the rice market have been received in Shanghai, and according to local rice merchant, sharp advances in quotations may be expected for the months of April and May on account of the poor harvest in Anhwei.

The rice consumed in Shanghai comes from Szechwan, Hupeh, Anhwei and Kiangsi, but particularly from Anhwei. According to news received here yesterday, the price of rice in that province has gone up considerably, as a result of last year's poor harvest. The quality that was sold there previously at \$8.50 a picul, is now being quoted at \$10.30, with the likelihood of a further advance in the immediate future.

With a view to maintaining the local market, the authorities in Anhwei have prohibited the exportation of rice as from April 1st. Should this prohibition be enforced—and the Anhwei authorities seem to be in earnest—Shanghai will probably be the first to suffer.

It is estimated that 4,645,941 shih of Anhwei rice was imported into Shanghai in 1921 and 1,688,152 during last year. Large quantities of Saigon and Bangkok rice have been imported into Shanghai in the past, but to make matters worse, the crop outlook in these two districts is not at all encouraging, according to reports which have come to hand. It is feared that there will be a "panic" feeling prevalent in April or May unless some improvement may be brought about. Stocks in Shanghai can only cope with local consumption for four weeks at most.

SPORT.

FOOTBALL.

The following is the programme of matches for to-day:

HONGKONG CHALLENGE SHIELD—

SEMI-FINALS.

Seniors.

King's R.G.A. v. Sookunpoo "A" ground. Kick-off at 4.30 p.m. Referee, Mr. Perryman. Linesmen, Messrs. Blumson and Banton.

Juniors.

Hawkins v. South China "B" kick-off at 2.15 p.m. Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Tyldesley.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division I.

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Hongkong Club v. H.M.S. *Hawkins*, Hongkong Club ground. Referee, Mr. Smith.

Hongkong Police v. H.M.S. *Durban*, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. Garton.

South China v. H.M.S. *Tamar*, South China ground. Referee, Mr. Col-lins.

H.M.S. *Titanic* v. Kowloon Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Hollands.

Division II.

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

King's Regt. v. St. Joseph's, Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee, Mr. Fairburn.

Warders v. Fleet Auxiliaries, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, Mr. White.

H.M.S. *Durban* v. Hongkong Police, Navy "A" ground. Referee, Mr. Spencer.

Kowloon v. H.M.S. *Marston*, Kowloon ground. Referee, Mr. Wright.

United A.C. v. H.M.S. *Titanic*, United A.C. ground. Referee, Mr. Davies.

University v. South China "A" Navy "B" ground. Referee, Mr. Laven-der.

MIDWEEK RESULTS.

HONGKONG LEAGUE.

Division II.

University.....1 H.M.S. *Hawkins*, 0
H.M.S. *Marston* 1 H.M.S. *Durban* 0

The shield matches to-day will attract a large number to Sookunpoo. The junior game between the *Hawkins* and South China "B" will be closely contested, and although the *Hawkins* will start favoured the "B" team will be out to reverse the result of last week's game when the sailors, playing in the Hongkong league, beat the "B" team by a goal to nil.

The senior game between the King's and the R.G.A. is expected to end in favour of the former. Taking their present positions in the league, it would seem a very easy thing for the King's, but the R.G.A. have done some good work in the shield competitions and the King's will have to be all out if they wish to play Kowloon in the final. In the event of the scores being equal at the call of time, ten minutes extra each way will be played.

Kowloon and *Titanic* are out to-day on the Navy "A" ground and this game will be one of the best in the league this afternoon. On recent form the Kowloon team should win, but the *Titanic* will give them a good run should they field their full side, and may share the points. A win for either team would place them in a very favourable position in the league.

The game on the Club ground between the Club and *Hawkins* should be closely contested but both teams will be without several of their regular players. The *Hawkins* will be leaving about the middle of the present month, and with six more matches to play, will not be able to complete their programme of fixtures.

The game on the South China ground should be evenly contested and a division of points is expected. The last game between these teams ended in a draw of two goals all.

The Police and *Durban* are due out on St. Joseph's ground and a fast game is expected to end in a win for the sailors.

Several of the junior teams will complete their league fixtures this season when they finish their games to-day. The most important game is that at Sookunpoo between St. Joseph's and the King's. Owing to the *Hawkins* losing to the University in mid-week, the King's only require one point to-day to make them league champions. St. Joseph's should win, will have a chance with the *Hawkins* for the runners-up position. The sailors are expected to win.

The United and *Titanic* should play a very even game on the United ground, but the civilians should just get home.

The University fresh from their win over the league leaders should account for South China "A" on the Navy "B" ground.

The *Marston* and Kowloon should share the points in a well-contested game, while the Warders and *Durban* should win against the Auxiliaries and Police respectively.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

The following team has been chosen to represent the Club in their league match with the H.M.S. *Hawkins* to-day on the Club ground, at 4.15 p.m.:—McPhail; Israel and Bishop; Mair, Stewart and Bailton; Skinner, May, Gerrard, Valentine and England.

LAWN TENNIS.

THE FORTHCOMING TOURNAMENT.

Entries for the Lawn Tennis Tournament organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club have now closed. The draw for the Open Singles Championship of the Colony is as follows:

SINGLES.

Byes.—K. W. Lane, S. A. Rumjahn, S. E. Green.

First Round.—Wong Po Keung v. F. L. Lau; A. Eveleigh v. Horace Lo; S. D. Ismail v. H. Krebs; M. K. Lo v. E. E. Buschneert; C. Willson v. O. Rumjahn; V. Yanovitch v. A. E. Dome; N. Trumbitzky v. Yew Man Tsun; Thomas Lay v. F. A. Redmund; F. Wheeler v. L. Jack; H. D. Rumjahn v. A. H. Rumjahn.

Byes.—M. W. Lo; S. H. Ismail, R. E. Worthington.

DOUBLES.

Byes.—E. Buschneert and H. Krebs; R. E. Worthington and H. Hancock; M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo.

First Round.—L. Jack and W. Hyde v. E. Grimble and L. Nelson; S. H. and S. D. Ismail v. K. H. Wild and J. D. Humphreys; Horace Lo and C. Choa v. S. E. Green and D. S. Green; E. R. S. Dods and A. B. Raworth v. G. N. Hayes and the Rev. C. Howard; F. Wheeler and C. E. Millard v. C. C. Stark and T. G. Bennett; S. A. Rumjahn and A. N. Rumjahn v. M. P. Lo and Thomas Lay; W. B. Roberts and R. E. Lindell v. E. de Souza and F. Prata; Yew Man Tsun and Ho Wai King v. O. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn; V. Yanovitch and Wong Po Keung v. R. M. Henderson and A. Bready.

Byes.—G. R. Sayer and F. A. Redmund; A. Eveleigh and A. S. Lindell; O. Willson and I. Foster; H. E. Grace and J. R. Lloyd.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROB-
BERY AT KOWLOON.ALLEGED ARMED ROBBERS
CAUGHT.

Three men out of an alleged gang of four armed robbers who held up a Chinese named Ng Hing Tong, at his residence at No. 23, Canton Road, Kowloon, were captured by the police on Thursday in Kowloon. The gang visited this house at 9.45 a.m. and asked for one Ng Kam Lam. They were told he was not at home and they were asked to drink tea. Ten minutes later one of the men handed a letter to his host, Ng Hing Tong, asking him to hand it over to the other Ng. They then bade adieu, but on the staircase suddenly turned on Ng Hing Tong, producing revolvers at the same time. He shouted for assistance and the robbers, becoming alarmed, fled in a hasty retreat without stealing anything. One of the alleged robbers was arrested close to the house with a pistol in his possession; two other suspects were arrested later in Yau-mat. All three arrested men were identified by Ng Hing Tong as having taken part in the robbery.

SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Libert & Co.'s Piece Goods Market Report says:—

SHANGHAI, March 2nd.

Since our last issue on the 6th instant, the Chinese Settlement has passed without any incident of particular note and trade is already reviving with every indication of healthy markets, but for the eternal fear of "trouble" in various parts of the country. The farmers have been relieved of their anxiety regarding the Spring crops by the plentiful rains which have fallen, and merchants are obviously keen to replenish their scanty supplies of imports in the interior but are simply deterred from doing so by the virtual certainty that even if their goods are not actually seized to be sold for military expenses, they will be heavily mulcted in exorbitant taxes by local commanders—that business can only result in a dead loss to them.

As a single instance of the state of affairs one need only refer to Reuter's message of the 19th instant, wherein it is stated that the Banks, Chambers of Commerce, and merchants of Ichang had been forced to submit to requisitions amounting to \$110,000 for the troops, and if this be multiplied, as it can in fairness, by a thousand similar instances all over the country, it is not difficult to see why trade has reached its present impasse. Actual fighting is reported at Chengtu, and is also threatened at Fochow and other points, and the only bright spot on the political horizon is the fact that the merchants and middle-classes appear at last to be bestirring themselves with a view to bringing about the disbandment of troops and destruction of the Tschun-ato system which have brought ruin to the country's trade.

It is surprising that business is even as much alive as it is, but there are fortunately still some areas which are outside the scope of political and military influence and it is from these alone that a demand can be expected for the time being. Some of these outlets are sending forward fair orders for cotton yarn in anticipation of the native weaving during the spring, but in piece goods, while prices are steady to firm, with a little business going on all the time, there is no evidence of anything like the substantial trade to which the market was accustomed after the Chinese holidays in former and more peaceful years.

Cotton continues to be phenomenally high in America with the consequence that Lancashire makers are unable to quote prices which Chinese buyers can even look at, except here and there for a few specialties.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

KING'S HOLD A SUCCESSFUL ATHLETIC MEETING.

The first athletic meeting to be held by the King's Regiment since its arrival in the Colony some fourteen months ago, was commenced on the Hongkong Football Club's ground, at Happy Valley, on Tuesday, and continued till yesterday. This event was a great success, and the whole regiment spent an exceedingly pleasant four days. The weather on the first two days was ideal, and a number of heats were run off. On Thursday, the weather was warm and sultry, but this failed to spoil the keenness of the sport, and the heats were completed. Yesterday the final heats were run off and the cups presented.

Later in the afternoon H.E. the Governor put in an appearance, and watched the sport with obvious enjoyment. At the conclusion of all the races, Mrs. Harden, wife of Captain Harden, of the King's, distributed the cups to the winners. There was no speechmaking whatever.

The sport shown during the whole meeting was extraordinary keen, and although there were no feats of particular brilliance, the general standard of fitness, if the efforts of the competitors afforded any criterion of the Regiment as a whole, would seem to be well up to the mark. Sergeant Holland was the star performer of the meet, winning the 440 yards, the 100 yards, the 220 yards, the hurdles race, and the high jump. He accumulated thirty points, or nearly one half of the company's total, 64, and carried off the cup for the best all-round athlete of the meeting. Perhaps the most interesting event yesterday was the tug-of-war final. The teams were "B" and "D" companies, and on both sides there were long pulls and strong pulls. "B" company were the final victors, but they had their work cut out to over-pull their opponents.

A good deal of amusement was also aroused by the obstacle race. The man, or men—who planned the obstacles did so with fiendish ingenuity, and the efforts of the competitors to surmount the greasy board, a triangular shaped wooden wall about eight feet high, were very laughable. The runners had also to pass through barrels, scuffed at each end with paper hoops, crawl under a huge net laid flat on the ground, climb over a pole supported about sixteen feet in the air, and surmount similar obstacles equally difficult.

Interest was very keen, also, in the company relay race, which was won with ease by "C" company, "B" company taking the second place. The race for officers over a distance of 120 yards, was won by Lieutenant Bonke, Captain Pilkington coming home second. An interesting condition of this race was that the competitors were handicapped in accordance with their terms of service. For every year's service, (not to be counted for the first five years), one yard's start was given. Captain Pilkington's start was thus enormous, for he has put in many years' of service with His Majesty's Army.

All the arrangements were carried out in a most thorough fashion, with the result that the proceedings went off practically without a hitch. Music was dispensed throughout by the band of H.M.S. *Hankins*, and refreshment tents were provided. The committee which was responsible for the day's success, consisted of Captain W. B. Moorehead, Lieutenant C. P. Moore, M.C., and Lieutenant H. A. Redding, M.C. The officials were: Captain W. F. Hannay, A.F.C., starter; Captain P. Pilkington, M.B.E., and Lieutenant Burke Gaffney, M.C., timekeepers.

Other results were as follows:—
100 yards, final: 1st, Sergt. Holland, time, 11.1-seconds; 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Burnett; 3rd, Lieut. Taylor.
220 yards, final: 1st, Sergt. Holland, time, 24.3-seconds; 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Burnett; 3rd, Lieut. Taylor.
440 yards, final: 1st, Sergt. Holland, time, 59-seconds; 2nd, Lieut. Corpl. Banks; 3rd, Lieut. Corpl. Harris.
880 yards, final: 1st, Lieut. Corpl. Carr, time, 2 mins. 17-seconds; 2nd, Lieut. Corpl. Riley; 3rd, Pte. Beal.
One mile, final: 1st, Pte. Beal, time, 5 mins. 17-seconds; 2nd, Corpl. Dobbin; 3rd, Pte. Paul.
Hurdle race, final: 1st, Sergt. Holland; 2nd, Sergt. Wilson; 3rd, Lieut. Corpl. Banks.
Sergeants' Race, final: 1st, Sergt. Redfern.
Corporals' Race: 1st, Lieut. Corpl. Taylor.
High Jump: 1st, Sergt. Holland, 4ft. 11in. 1/2; 2nd, Sergt. Baker.
Long Jump: 1st, Corpl. Priven, 10ft. 11in.; 2nd, C.Q.M.S. Burnett.
Throwing the cricket ball: 1st, Lieut. Redding, M.C., distance, 93 yards; 2nd, Sergt. Holland.
Putting the shot: 1st, Lieut. F. White, distance, 29ft. 10in.; 2nd, Pte. Morgan.
Sack Race: 1st, Pte. Forslaw; 2nd, Pte. Tierney.
Three-legged race: 1st, Ptes. Cook and Williams.
Potato Race: 1st, Pte. Payne; 2nd, Pte. Bird.
Cross-country Race (four miles, held on Sunday): "C" Company were the winners. The first man home was Pte. Bullock, who was awarded a silver cup for the feat.
Existed Boys Race: 1st, Boy Bonham; 2nd, Boy Chaddock.
Ladies' egg and spoon race: 1st, Mrs. Cook.

One mile race: open to Indian soldiers only: 1st, Mangal Singh; 2nd, Lal Khan; 3rd, Amrit Singh.
Half mile race: open to His Majesty's Service and European police only: 1st, Leading Seaman Bell; 2nd, Sergt. Shipley; 3rd, Sergt. Tribe.
Veterans' race: 1st, Pte. Bates; 2nd, Pte. Bullock.
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AFTER THE RACES.

PONIES AUCTIONED—SOME AT FIVE DOLLARS EACH.

Racing ponies, apparently sound in wind and limb, young, healthy and well groomed, went at the most amazingly low prices during the rump of ponies conducted at the Jockey Club Stables by Messrs. Hughes and Hough yesterday evening. The paltry sum of five dollars proved enough to purchase Dr. F. H. Kew's Boomerang, and the same sum only was obtained for Mr. H. Birkett's Night Star, and for the same owner's pony Chance Shot. Old Monkeynuts (owned by Messrs. Cook and Hosie), a chestnut which carried quite a respectable amount in some of the races, and which was placed in the Tytam Handicap, "B" Class, could not even find a bidder. The highest price of the day was \$540, received for Mr. Nelson's Avonmore, which was bought by Dr. Kew. The bidding for this pony started at \$100, and aroused a certain amount of interest. But taking the auction all round, the proceedings were very slow, buyers seemed apathetic, and bidding dragged.

Last year the lowest price fetched was \$90 and the highest \$1,050, for Mr. Soares' Hongkong Chief. The proceedings lived up a little on the appearance of Mr. Leitch's chestnut Prior Muir, which was eventually knocked down to Mr. C. O. Boyd for \$270. Two other ponies which were much fancied during the race meeting—Roman Ash and Roman Oak—although it must be admitted that neither of them achieved much, also went for the ridiculous price of five dollars each. Mr. Nemazeo had three nice looking greys up for auction, all of which he had intended to enter for the meeting, but was prevented because his nominations had been received too late. One especially appeared to be a very promising pony of 13.0 hands, and should prove a profitable proposition for its new owner, Mr. Birkett, who paid for it the sum of \$110.

The ponies sold were as follows:—
Mr. R. M. Dyer's Gallowgate, to Mr. Soares, \$95.
Mr. A. A. Alves' Saadara, to Mr. Hida, \$90.
Dr. F. H. Kew's Boomerang, to Mr. Dowbiggin, \$5.
Mr. J. M. Remedios' Royal Beauty, to Mr. Luo, \$30.
Mr. Remedios' Royal Earl, to Mr. Blason, \$20.
Mr. Johnson's Seampendable, to Mr. H. Humphreys, \$30.
Mr. Johnson's Red Ruin, to Ah Chun, \$20.
Mr. E. J. Figueiredo's Yubari, to Ah Chun, \$30.
Capt. Spinks' Hark Forard, to Mr. Carroll, \$35.
Mr. H. Birkett's Shining Star, to Mr. Dowbiggin, \$10.
Mr. Birkett's Chance Shot, to Ah Low, \$5.
Mr. F. da Roza's Dapper Don, to Ah Low, \$10.
Mr. H. Lake's Lottery, to Captain D'Aeth, \$40.
Mr. A.G.'s Minnehaha, to Mr. Grant-ham, \$55.
Mr. A.G.'s unraced chestnut, sub. to Mr. Hida, \$100.
Sir Paul Chater's Hope Dahlia, to Capt. Spinks, \$100.
Sir Paul Chater's Dainty Dahlia, to Mr. Curran, \$120.
Dr. Forsyth's Neston, bought back by owner, \$30.
Mr. C. E. Warren's Pearl Tile, to Mr. Carroll, \$30.
Mr. Nemazeo's grey griffin, to: ditto Mr. Cheung, \$10.
ditto Mr. A. Low, \$10.
ditto Mr. Birkett, \$100.
Mr. Nemazeo's Fescanjan, to Ah Chun, \$40.

Mr. Seth's Faarberg, to Dr. Ealer, \$75.
Mr. Seth's Trille, to Chung Wa, \$70.
Mr. Seth's Even Thought, to Mr. Hida, \$50.
Mr. Boyd's West River, to Mr. Harrison, \$95.
Mr. E. Pearce's King's Jester, to Mr. Scott, \$40.
Mr. Pearce's King Tommy, to Mr. Mac, \$75.
Mr. F. Harrison's Bhudmah, to Mr. B. Carroll, \$35.
Mr. Hector Sassoon's ponies:—
Roman Law, to Mr. da Roza, \$95.
Roman Bandit, to Mr. Carroll, \$15.
Roman Tribute, to Mr. C. Logan, \$10.
Roman Bay, to Mr. Chee Ling, \$15.
Bay griffin, purchaser unknown, \$5.
Roman Ash, to Mr. Carroll, \$5.
Roman Oak, to Mr. Carroll, \$5.
Mr. Taylor's Diamante, to Mr. Dowbiggin, \$5.
Mr. Taylor's Esmeralda, to Mr. Scott, \$5.
Mr. Taylor's Will o' the Wisp, purchaser unknown, \$15.
Cook and Hosie's Old Monkeynuts, unsold.

HONGKONG GARRISON FIELD DAY.
The Hongkong garrison will have a field day on Monday next. The King's Regiment with a company of Royal Marines will move by sea to Junk Bay, where they will land and try to penetrate to the Tai's Cairn—Buffalo Hill Ridge, with a view to seizing a point overlooking Shatin Station. The Grenadiers, with 2 batteries of Artillery, will move by land and oppose their attempt. The forces will probably meet just north of Customs Pass, and any onlookers who are there at about 10.30 a.m. should be able to get a good view of the operations.

Officers' Sergeants' relay race was won by the Sergeants, the distance being 220 yards.
Obstacle Race: 1st, Corpl. Lamont; 2nd, Pte. Lowe; 3rd, Pte. Drake.
Band Race: 1st, Bandman Wilson, of the *Hankins*.
Open relay race for the Regular Forces of H.M. Services only, was won by the King's.

KOWLOON BATHROOM TRAGEDY.

INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF MR. HANCOX.

FLUE TO GEYSER BUT NO ROOM VENTILATION.

Yesterday afternoon at the Magistrate's an inquiry was held into the circumstances of the death of Mr. Mowbray A. Hancox, Revenue Officer, who was found dead in his bathroom on No. 3A, Armend Buildings, Kowloon, on the morning of February 15th. He had apparently been overcome by foul gas in the room and collapsed in his attempt to reach the door.

The Coroner was Mr. J. R. Wood and Messrs. C. J. Mark (foreman), F. Taylor and E. A. dos Remedios were the jury. Mr. M. H. Turner appeared for Hongkong and China Gas Company.

The Coroner said that the inquiry had been ordered in order that certain investigations might be made and certain experiments conducted by the Police. He did not anticipate that there would be any evidence of foul play, nor evidence that the deceased took his own life. It seemed desirable in the interests of the public to hold an inquiry as to the circumstances in which the geyser was used, and that some public finding should be given.

Dr. W. B. A. Moore, Medical Officer, Kowloon said that the cause of death was poisoning by carbon monoxide.

The Coroner: Can you say what percentage in the atmosphere would be fatal?

The witness: I cannot say.

GAS-POISONED VICTIMS CAUGHT UNAWARES.

Witness said the first symptoms of gas poisoning were headaches. In many cases the victim would not realise what was happening until he was too far gone to save himself. The witness added that he discovered a bruise at the back of the deceased's head.

In reply to the Foreman, the witness said the deceased's heart was sound. There were slight traces of malaria.

Revenue Officer P. Lanigan said he knew the deceased well. As far as he was aware, the deceased, prior to his death was in good health and spirits.

Mr. Maurice Wallam, Accountant, of No. 3A, Armend Buildings, said he lived there and received two paying guests, Mr. P. F. Franklin and the deceased. Witness and his wife used the large bathroom and the guests the small one. At 8.15 a.m. on the 15th February he saw Mr. Hancox pass by the breakfast room on his way to the bathroom. Ten or twelve minutes later witness, accompanied by his wife and Mr. Franklin, left the house. Mr. Franklin had previously had his bath, using the geyser. It was customary for the house-boys to light the geyser.

The Coroner: Are your servants still with you?—No, they have been discharged in connection with another matter.

The Foreman: Did the geyser ever give trouble previously?—No.

LADIES OF THE NEXT FLAT TO THE RESCUE.

Mrs. C. K. Cumming, of No. 2A, Armend Buildings, said that, on the morning of the 15th, the boy from flat No. 3A came in about 9.40 a.m. Witness accompanied him to 3A and went to the bathroom next to the kitchen. Miss Coomes also went with her. The bathroom door was locked on the inside. The occupants of the flat were out. Witness knocked on the bathroom door but there was no reply. She then told the boy to get a chopper and break the door in. He did. Witness looked through the broken door and saw the deceased lying on the floor. He was naked. The boy got through the hole in the door and turned Mr. Hancox's head over. He also looked for the key of the door and it was found under Mr. Hancox's body. Witness rushed away for brandy. When she came back Mr. Hancox had been removed to the door. He appeared to be dead. He was unconscious and nose. After the doctor had arrived witness looked in the bathroom and noticed that the gas and meter taps of the geyser were turned off. There was water in the bath, which had been used. Dr. Balaen, tried artificial respiration for fully half-an-hour without success.

The Coroner: When you went into the bathroom had you smelt gas?—I did not at first, but I smelt a peculiar "gassy" smell coming from Mr. Hancox.

Witness, continuing, said the windows of the bathroom were closed.

Miss Helen Coomes, of No. 2A, Armend Buildings, said she accompanied the last witness to No. 3A flat. She only noticed the smell of gas when bending over Mr. Hancox's body. She assisted in moving Mr. Hancox out through the door. There were no signs of life. The gas and water taps were turned off.

The Coroner said the house boy who raised the alarm was not available to give evidence. He had, however, made a statement to the police in which he said that he spoke to Mr. Hancox whilst he was in the bathroom, at about 8.10 a.m.—about fifteen minutes after he had gone into the bathroom. The house boy called to him again later, and on receiving no reply raised the alarm.

GEYSER FITTED UNDER EUROPEAN SUPERVISION.

Mr. J. Hunter, Superintendent of the Gas Fitting Department of the Hongkong and China Gas Company, said that he was responsible for fitting up the geyser on the 22nd January. The work was done under his personal supervision. The flue pipe was carried out of the bathroom. He tested the apparatus. It was in order. The Gas Company only supplied one make of geyser. This was "Fletcher Russell & Co.'s," and it was stocked in two sizes. The smaller size was used in this case and consumed 40 feet of gas per hour. He conducted the test with both window and door closed. He was alone and allowed the gas to burn for 10 minutes, which was the usual test. The atmosphere was apparently unaffected. He attached to the flue a wind blower, whose purpose was to prevent a down draught.

Mr. Turner: Did you inspect the geyser after the death of Mr. Hancox?—Yes.

What was the result?—Everything was in order.

You have four or five hundred certain types of geysers on the Island?—On both sides, about 800.

And have you ever had any complaints as regards these geysers?—This is the first trouble I have ever had with them.

How long have you been on this work?—About fifteen years.

Looking at the position of the geyser can you form any theory as to how the foul gas escaped into the room?

The witness replied that it was quite possible that the deceased inadvertently turned on the levers. It was possible to do this from the bath. He might easily have slipped in getting in or out of the bath and "turned on" the levers accidentally.

In reply to the Foreman, the witness said he had fixed geysers in smaller rooms than the one in which the accident occurred. There was no limit to the smallness of the room in which a geyser could be installed.

The Coroner: Is it a rule that you must have a flue pipe connected with the atmosphere outside the room?—Yes, if there is no other ventilation.

Mr. P. J. Blackburn, Manager of the Kowloon Gas Company, said the gas used in Kowloon was made from pure coal. The average percentage of carbon monoxide in such gas was 8.8 per cent. Water gas was used on the Hongkong side of the Harbour and the average percentage of monoxide in water gas was about 13 per cent.

ANALYSIS OF THE GAS.

Mr. E. R. Dwyer, Government Analyst, said that he examined a sample of Kowloon coal gas on March 6th and found that it contained 8.1 per cent of carbon monoxide. These ingredients would produce death by asphyxiation. Water gas contained as high a proportion as 30 per cent of carbon monoxide. This gas was odorless. Four or five per cent of it in the atmosphere would produce asphyxiation. On the same day he visited the bathroom in company with Inspector Spear and Mr. Blackburn of the Kowloon Gas Company. The room was still without proper ventilation, both the window and door being closed. He allowed the geyser to run for half an hour, whilst he waited outside the room. At the end of that time he took a sample of the air from approximately the position in which Mr. Hancox's face would be while he sat in the bath. He analysed the sample and found it to contain .022 of carbon monoxide. This amount would have some effect on a man but would not be fatal. He found that the percentage of oxygen was 18.6 instead of the average 20.9, the reduction would be caused by the carbon monoxide. A small amount of ventilation in the room would have prevented a dangerous accumulation of carbon monoxide.

The Coroner, in summing up, said that it was perfectly clear that Mr. Hancox's death was due to his breathing an atmosphere which contained carbon monoxide. When the body was discovered it was evident that Mr. Hancox was trying to get out of the bathroom. The key was found underneath him. Had he been a little stronger he would probably have got out. It remained for the jury to make any observations on the case which would be of future use to the Company.

After a brief consultation the jury returned a verdict that death was accidental and was due to poisoning by carbon monoxide. They added the following rider:—

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The Army Tournament will take place at Murray Barracks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

J. BAILEY, Lieut.
President, Regimental Boxing Committee.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by BODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.

John D. Humphreys & Son,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1923. [465]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and for from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 23rd March, 1923, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the free storage period of one week.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th March, 1923. [523]

G. R.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of LABOUR and LIGHTERAGE for ADMIRALTY COALING for a period of 12 months certain from the 1st April, 1923.

Forms of Tendering can be obtained on application to the Naval Store Officers, H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and Tenders should be lodged in the Naval Store Officers' Office not later than Noon on 15th MARCH, 1923.

A deposit of One hundred dollars will be required from persons tendering, and will be returned in the event of non-acceptance of the Tender.

H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong. [519]

HONGKONG LAWN TENNIS ASSOCIATION.

ENTRIES are invited for the LAWN TENNIS LEAGUE, A and B Divisions. Teams Entering must have Three Courts together.

Entries Close MONDAY, MARCH 19th and to be sent together with Entrance Fee of \$10 per Club to the Hon. Secretary, JOHN C. FLETCHER, Queen's College.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Business of our "Engineering Department" has been acquired by The JARDINE ENGINEERING CORPORATION, LIMITED, and will be henceforth carried on by that Company as heretofore carried on by us.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1923. [493]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that We have acquired the Business of the Engineering Department of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., and that such business will be henceforth carried on by us as heretofore carried on by them.

THE JARDINE ENGINEERING CORPORATION, LTD.
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1923. [499]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, PEDDER STREET, on TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1922.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th to 27th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1923. [514]

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 6th day of March, to Tuesday, the 13th day of March, 1923, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1923. [465]

HONGKONG TRAMWAY CO., LTD.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the COLONIAL (HONGKONG) REGISTER of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 13th MARCH, 1923, to WEDNESDAY, 14th APRIL, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. ROBERTS, Secretary.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1923. [492]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Underwriter on TUESDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1922.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th March, 1923, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1923. [508]

HONGKONG DOG, CAT, POULTRY AND PIGEON SHOW.

By kind permission of the Officer Commanding The Hongkong Defence Corps, a Show will be held at

THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE CORPS on SATURDAY, 10th MARCH, 1923, from 3 to 6 P.M.

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B. L. BROST, Hon. Secretary,
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G. E. HUYGEN,
No 13, Queen's Road Central, Astor House Building.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1923. [511]

NOTICE.

DATING from the 5th of MARCH, 1923, the Style of our Firm has been Changed into A. P. VILLA & BROS. OF CANTON, INC., with Mr. G. G. HOFFER as Manager and Attorney.

VILLA BROS. OF CANTON, LTD. [504]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

MR. LESLIE SOLBE GREENHILL has THIS DAY been appointed Acting Secretary to the above Companies vice Mr. MOWBRAY STAFFORD NORTHCOPE resigned. Pending Mr. GREENHILL's return to the Colony Mr. HERBERT AUSTIN RODGERS will act as Secretary.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. G. M. BERNARD, Chairman.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1923. [510]

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1923. [495]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 10TH, 1923.

BRITISH CHILDREN IN HONGKONG.

It cannot be said that Mr. TEESDALE MACKINTOSH in the eloquent appeal he made at the public meeting on Thursday for "the better education of British children in Hongkong," presented a very convincing case for the adoption by the Government of the rather startling proposal made by a sub-committee of the Education Board, for the erection of a big central school for British children, with adequate playgrounds, in the Botanic Gardens. Nothing was said about the site of the proposed school at Thursday's meeting, which merely declared that (in addition to the kindergartens which are admittedly necessary) a school for the co-education of boys and girls, with adequate playing grounds attached, should be provided. It will not be without interest to many readers to recall some remarks which the Director of Education made on the subject of the education of British children in Hongkong in a Report issued in 1918. He wrote:

"The reports on the three British Schools may be considered quite satisfactory having regard to the peculiar conditions of these schools. They are adversely affected by climate conditions, which make the attendance low during the summer months and which lower the stamina and therefore the mental powers of the children who do remain at attendance. As regards the higher classes an even more serious disability is found in the small numbers attending. When there are only three or four pupils in a class it is manifestly impossible to provide them with a number of special masters. A similar class in a big school at Home would have the Mathematics taught by a mathematician, and French taught by a French scholar; there would be suitable laboratories, and so forth. It might be possible to aim at something nearer the standard, if the three

schools could be combined into one. That suggestion is frequently made; but without much regard to the difficulties. There is obviously the difficulty of the site. A school for British children should not be in the heart of a native city, and it should have play-grounds about it. Even greater is the difficulty of parents. Their feelings appear to lie altogether in the other direction. At one time the upper classes at Kowloon School were exclusively for girls, and those of Victoria School for boys, irrespective of their homes. This plan broke down in face of the opposition to it. Recently, I attempted to get the bigger boys of both schools to meet for instruction in Chinese in a room of the Post Office building. I found that strong objections were raised and that the attendance suffered considerably. The objections would be stronger and better grounded if it were intended to make little children travel daily a distance of many miles in all weathers. The tendency has on the contrary been to demand a separate school for each locality. The Peak School was the last, and another is at present under consideration."

That extract is an official recognition that the position is unsatisfactory in Hongkong, but what the advocates of "a better education for British children" have to establish is that in all the respects outlined by Mr. Irvine in 1918 conditions have changed in Hongkong to an extent that makes the scheme of a central day school with a highly qualified teaching staff a practical proposition. It can hardly be said that this was done at the public meeting on Thursday. We associate ourselves completely with the aspiration that British parents in this Colony should be able to obtain for their children here an education in every respect equal to the higher-grade schools at Home. Five years ago we wrote: "There is room for some improvement upon our present system. As time goes on, it seems probable that the children of British parents will look upon the Colony, in an increasing degree, as their home, and it certainly seems an anomaly that in this University centre British children should have to be sent to England or to some distant port for the education which is necessary to give them a fair start in their business or professional careers." We expressed the belief that the objection which the Director of Education stated was raised by the parents to a central school would break down in the face of a policy which aimed at providing a scheme in some healthy district, "perhaps with facilities for a certain number of weekly boarders," which would be equal in every respect to the higher-grade schools and the smaller grammar schools at Home. The meeting on Thursday emphatically rejected the idea of a boarding school, and there remains but to consider the possibility of providing in a day school the standard of education which the resolutions demand.

When the public meeting declares that "it is essential that British boys and girls above the age of 9 should receive a better education in the Colony than at present," we should like to know why that is not possible without all the heavy expenditure which the sub-committee's report would entail? The burden of Mr. MACKINTOSH's complaint was that though, thanks to the arrangements which the Government have made with the University of London, children in Hongkong can sit for the London matriculation, for the London intermediate, and for the London degrees, yet there has been no case of a British boy in this Colony sitting for the London matriculation examination, let alone for the higher examinations. Is that due to lack of facilities, or to lack of application on the part of the boy or want of interest and encouragement on the part of parents? Many schoolmasters were present at the meeting and it would have been instructive if some of them had given the meeting the benefit of their views on the subject.

It should be possible for every British boy to reach that standard at the age of 16 or 17," Mr. MACKINTOSH said. Given a sufficient number of boys desirous of reaching that standard we can see no insuperable difficulty to the necessary instruction being given in the existing British schools of the Colony. Mr. MACKINTOSH told the meeting that there are 147 British children over the age of nine being educated at the British schools of the Colony at the present time. When we are considering the proposal to provide a big central expensively staffed school, it would be more to the point to know how many boys are likely to remain at School in the Colony long enough to enable them to qualify for the London matriculation examination. Before the Government can be expected to do very much along the lines suggested, they must have some satisfactory assurances as to numbers they may be expected to provide for, and when the inquiry comes down to this fine point we doubt very much whether any case could be found to

exist for a central school of the kind the sub-Committee of the Education Board had in mind. The fact remains that parents who can manage to afford the expense and their children Home, or at least to a more invigorating climate, for their education, and, however excellent may be the standard of education in Hongkong, that will continue to be the practice until the Medical Faculty is able to assure us, and general experience prove, that child in can be kept just as healthy and strong in this climate as at Home or at Cheloo and Weihaiwei. There is an interesting chapter on this subject in the book published a few years ago by Dr. MONTAGU HARTON on "Care and Treatment of European Children in the Tropics." In it he says, "I think if a referendum were taken on the subject amongst practitioners in the tropics of at least ten years' standing, the answer to the question, 'Is it possible to rear healthy and strong children in the tropics?' would be an emphatic negative."

Dr. HARTON further says it is generally conceded, as the result of long experience, that a child's stay in the tropics should not be prolonged much beyond five, or at most, six years of age. "In sub-tropical regions, or when it is possible to send a child to a hill station, a somewhat more advanced age may be conceded—say, up to eight or nine years of age—but it is most important that we should impress on parents that not only is the child's bodily health to be considered; there is also the question of mental development." Mr. MACKINTOSH on this point said he could only blindly accept the reports which are made each year by our medical school inspectors "who invariably, and year after year, report, that the health of children in British schools in this Colony is excellent." How many parents are there, we wonder, who could say that their children's health is quite as good here as it would probably be at Home; and how many British parents would be satisfied to see their children doing here the same amount of school work that they would have to do at Home to attain the educational standard which is asked for here? Our own opinion is that the only way of improving the education of British boys and girls in Hongkong is by placing them in boarding schools— which if they must be in the Colony, should be situated at the highest elevation possible—but the object of providing a better education for British children would be better served by some co-operative movement by the British communities in China to support a good boarding school in a place like Weihaiwei where it is possible for British children to work at their school lessons with that amount of application which would offer some prospect of acquiring "a good general all-round education," such as the London matriculation examination. In such an effort there would be some possibility, perhaps, of getting a share of the Boxer indemnity which would help to get over the difficulty of expense to the poor parent.

Lady Rees Davies has kindly consented to distribute the prizes at the Cat and Dog Show at the Defence Corps Headquarters this afternoon.

In a motor-car accident on Thursday, a Chinese boy, aged 13 years, was knocked down by motor-car No. 583, and had his thigh fractured.

Mrs. Logan entertained a large audience of children and parents at the Helena May Institute yesterday by reading to them a number of fairy stories.

The King's Regiment Novices' boxing tournament is advertised to take place at Murray Barracks on Thursday, Friday and Saturday next.

The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. advertises a list of cargo which has been lying at the godown unclaimed for many years, and announces that unless claimed before the 31st inst. it will be sold by public auction to defray charges.

The President of the 7th Hongkong Troop Boy Scouts, Saiyingpin School, begs to acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of three hundred dollars towards Troops funds from Mr. Ho Kom Tong, founder and patron of the Troop. —ADV.

There will be a Tea-Dance at the Helena May Institute for members and their friends, on Thursday, March 15th, at 5.30 p.m. Tickets, obtainable from the Secretary, \$1 each. Sufficient tables must be booked by Tuesday, March 13th, otherwise the dance will be cancelled.—APP.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.)

THE RUHR.

"NO PRETEXT FOR GERMAN PROPAGANDA."

Paris, March 8th.

The Deputy for Martinique asked leave to interrogate the Premier, in the Chamber of Deputies, regarding the withdrawal from the Ruhr area of a division containing 200 Martinique Croixes.

Premier Poincaré, in a written reply, stated that France had always considered the Colonies an integral and indivisible part of the Motherland, and had not distinguished between the various races living under the protection of the French flag. France had never recognized two categories or classes of citizens, German propaganda sought to limit France to the use of metropolitan troops, but France would not even to uphold her right to retain European and overseas contingents side by side. The Government's reason for not employing coloured troops in the Ruhr area was that it was considered more expedient, for the present, not to furnish any pretext for German propaganda.

"THE TIME FOR MILDNESS IS PAST."

Coloane, March 8th.

The newly-established Belgian Military Summary Court at Neuss disposed of twenty of the cases against Germans on the first day. Announcing that "the time for mildness is past" the President of the Court inflicted punishments ranging from a fine of 100,000 marks to six months' imprisonment; the latter in the case of a newspaper editor who refused to divulge the names of contributors of objectionable articles. The appeal lodged by the Burgomaster of Duisburg resulted in the doubling of the original sentence. The Court decided that appellant's contention that he acted under orders from his Government was frivolous.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS CLOSE THEIR WORKS.

Coloane, March 8th.

The biggest German industrialists here and in the Ruhr have decided to close their works for at least a month, paying the workers full wages. Exports have stopped owing to the German refusal to pay the French tax. Manufacture is insufficient to keep the works fully employed. It is impossible to over-estimate the gravity of the closing down, as the idle workers have been provided with money and are certain to fall into mischief. The Chamber of Commerce has sent a letter to Mr. Wedgwood Benn, M.P., drawing attention to the serious position of British traders, and demanding drastic action by the British Government. It is now impossible to leave the British zone without encountering French posts.

FRENCH CUSTOMS BARRIER COMPLETE.

Dusseldorf, March 8th.

There is now an unbroken French customs barrier from the Dutch to the Swiss frontier, completing the encirclement of the Rhineland in addition to the Ruhr.

Essen, March 8th.

French troops this morning disarmed and expelled the security police from Dortmund, thus completing the disarming and dissolution of the security police throughout the Ruhr, which is consequently without police, except the civil police still possessed by certain towns.

London, March 8th.

Further French advances are reported in a Berlin message which states that the French have occupied Rheinland harbour, in the vicinity of Mannheim, also Dorval station, near Elberfeld.

LATEST CABLES.

THE MARK IMPROVES.

FOLLOWING GERMAN GOVERNMENT GOLD LOAN.

London, March 8th.

The German Government Gold Loan has considerably improved the mark, which touched 80,000 to 24 in London yesterday, and closed at 97,000, contrasted with 240,000 at the beginning of the Ruhr occupation.

LATEST CABLES.
FRENCH BUDGET BILL.
RETURNED TO THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

Paris, March 9th.

The Budget Bill mentioned in cable messages dated February 3rd and 9th has been returned to the Chamber of Deputies, which adopted it by 323 votes to 232, including an amendment to balance the Budget by the issue of Treasury Bonds. The Chamber has postponed consideration of the Socialist amendment providing for the endorsement of bearer securities.

MEXICAN OIL BILL.
STATE TO RETAIN OWNERSHIP OF PETROLEUM SUBSOIL.

Mexico City, March 8th.

Congress has approved of the Petroleum Bill, retaining the State ownership of subsoil, thereby contradicting the reports of Mexico's intention to meet President Harding's requirements.

THE BALFOUR NOTE.
LORD BALFOUR DISSENTS FROM AMERICAN VIEW.

London, March 7th.

Speaking in the House of Lords, Lord Balfour defended the sentence in the Balfour Note of September 1st, 1922, relative to the United States having insisted on British security for the money to be spent for the Allies, to which the American Ambassador recently objected, continuing, Lord Balfour dissented from the American view relative to the purely commercial nature of the relations of the allied and associated powers, on behalf of an enterprise in which all alike were interested. This removed the financial arrangements into a sphere where the ordinary categories of debtor and creditor, though still valid, could hardly be deemed sufficient; nevertheless there was an acknowledged and incontestable legal right on the part of the United States and Lord Balfour paid a tribute to the manner in which it had been exercised.

EARLIER CABLES.

BRITAIN'S AIR FORCE.
AIR MINISTRY'S PROGRESSIVE POLICY.

London, March 8th.

The Air Force estimates for 1923-1924 show a gross total of £18,605,000 and a net total of £12,011,000, the latter being an increase of £1,116,000 over the net total for the present year.

A memorandum explains that £5,967,000 of the difference between the gross and net figures represents the gross expenditure in the Middle East. The increase in the net total is due to the scheme of expansion of Home defence, involving the formation of fifteen new squadrons and additions to three squadrons assigned for co-operation with the Navy. In consequence of the impending completion of new aircraft carriers, the personnel will be 33,000 compared with 31,178 but the cost of the personnel will not be greater. The increase in cost is chiefly due to technical equipment and the number of new types shortly to be produced, hence the Air Ministry will place orders with the aircraft industry substantially greater than in recent years, and sufficient to maintain an adequate number of firms on a sound basis.

BRITISH POLITICS.
LIBERAL REUNION POSSIBLE.

London, March 8th.

Correspondence between Mr. Lloyd George and the Liberal M.P., Mr. Estlin, in which the latter Party idea is frankly abandoned, is regarded in the Lobby as a distinct advance in the direction of a Liberal reunion. It is stated authoritatively that no political ties whatever now exist between Mr. Lloyd George and the Conservative Ministers, who are not included in the present Government. A tacit understanding between the two wings of the Cabinet, which led to the presence of Lord Birkenhead and Mr. Austen Chamberlain on Mr. Lloyd George's platform during the Elections has been abandoned by both sides. It is recognized that in the event of a reunion some half dozen National Liberals will join the Government in view of the election pledges. A further development is expected on March 12th, when seventy Liberals, who recently passed a resolution in favour of a reunion, are to meet.

HOME UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES.

London, March 8th.

The unemployment figures improved by 12,280 last week.

NAVAL AGREEMENT.
FRENCH AND BRITISH ESTIMATES.

Paris, March 8th.

M. Raiberti Minister of Marine, announced in the Chamber that the Government would ratify the Washington naval agreement immediately the reporter on the matter had recovered from his indisposition.

Paris, March 8th.

The Minister of Marine has introduced a Bill dealing with the high seas fleet, fixing it in conformity with the Washington agreement on tonnage, with battleships at 175,000 tons, and aircraft carriers at 61,000, while light surface vessels are fixed at 360,000 and submarines at 65,000.

London, March 8th.

The British Navy estimates for 1923-1924 total £91,401,000, compared with £90,476,000 last year and £96,510,000 the previous year. It is stated that they have been prepared on the assumption that all the signatory Powers will effectively ratify the Washington treaty. It is expected that over four millions sterling will be spent in the year on the new battleships *Nelson* and *Rodney*, nevertheless the total effective votes are reduced by £4,617,000 by most rigid economy. A continuance of this policy is only justified by the seriousness of the financial situation and the expectation of a general atmosphere of naval tranquillity.

The reduction of the personnel by twenty thousand is expected to be completed by April 1st, except for 1,140 officers and men retained pending the Government's decision on the Admiralty's proposal that the Navy in future provide its own air personnel. Mr. Amery appeals for the active goodwill of the fellow citizens of the Empire for the thousands of distinguished or promising officers and men severed from service to which they are wholeheartedly devoted. The personnel to be voted is 99,500, and recruiting is not very restricted.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES.

PLOTTERS ARRESTED IN BELGIUM.

Brussels, March 8th.

Acting on information that the recent strikes in the coal and iron mines were organized by the Communists, the Public Prosecutor has ordered numerous arrests in Brussels, Antwerp, Liège, Charleroi and Ghent, including forty Communist leaders. Numerous documents have been seized, showing that the plotters received money from abroad, chiefly from Germany and Russia. Many women are among the Communists who have been arrested.

M.C.C. V. COMBINED UNIVERSITIES.

Melbourne, March 8th.

The M.C.C. compiled 258, Hillwood 84, and the Combined Universities replied with 332. The M.C.C. knocked out 135 for the loss of 5 wickets and the match was drawn.

ANOTHER ATHLETIC RECORD.

New York, March 8th.

Jpie Ray of Illinois has broken the 1000 Yards Race at an indoor athletic meeting, establishing a world record of 14mins. 54secs.

MACAO NOTE.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

THE POST OFFICE.

The Acting Postmaster, Mr. Gomes, contemplates approaching the Government for an all round improvement and enlargement of the Post Office. He suggests augmenting the staff as well as the erection of a new building. The scheme is not altogether an original one, but is well worthy of attention. He would be inclined to believe that the volume of correspondence is increasing as a result, perhaps, of increased commercial activity. The Government's present policy of retrenchment, however, will probably veto any suggestions entailing expenditure.

THE BANCO NACIONAL ULTRAMARINO.

The Banco Nacional Ultramarino, announces that Mr. Arata V. Apouar of Hongkong, having relinquished the agency of the bank in Hongkong, Messrs. Ross, Brothers, of Hongkong, has undertaken to conduct their agency until further notice.

OBITUARY.

We regret to have to report the death of Mr. Francisco Huerguido Fernandez, brother of Mr. Jorge Carlos Fernandez, manager of the *Piropia* Mercantile, on the 5th ult. at Macao. The deceased gentleman was formerly an interpreter in the Supreme Court at Hongkong and later the editor of the *Macao Echo*.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

The husband of a woman committed to trial by Mr. Rhonda, magistrates last month on a charge of bigamy was state to work at Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogorwgyllydrobwl-lan-dissillogogogog. The name means "The Village of Mary, the White Pit close to the rushing waterfall of Llan-dissillog of the Red Fox."

AMERICAN CABLE NEWS.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS MESSAGES TO MANILA PAPERS.)

FEWER BUSINESS FAILURES.

New York, March 1st.

Bradstreet's Commercial Agency says today that business failures in February were twenty-four per cent. less than in the same month last year.

FARM CREDITS BILL PASSED.

Washington, March 1st.

The House today passed the Farm Credits Bill proposing the establishment of two new banking systems, one a Government and the other private, to meet the farmers' financial needs. The Bill now goes to conference between the two Houses.

FILLED MILK BILL PASSED BY SENATE.

Washington, March 1st.

The Senate today passed the Filled Milk Bill which would prohibit the interstate shipment of condensed and evaporated milk made from skimmed milk and oil substitutes for butter fat, such as cottonseed and coconut oil.

NEW YORK SENATOR'S DEATH.

Washington, March 1st.

Representative W. Bourke Cockran, of New York, died suddenly this morning following a stroke of apoplexy. He celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday yesterday with a spirited speech in the House at the night session, in which he attacked the Farm Credits Bill. Representative Cockran was a wheelhorse of Tammany Hall and an advocate of light wines and beer.

IMMIGRATION INTO HAWAII.

Washington, March 1st.

The Senate Immigration Committee today made a report urging the enactment of the Dillingham Resolution to permit restricted immigration, otherwise the present labour shortage.

The report declared that American control of Hawaii and control of the Pacific Ocean were endangered by the Japanese. The leaders agreed there was little chance of putting the resolution through before adjournment.

COMMISSIONERS CONFIRMED.

Washington, March 2nd.

President Harding today nominated two additional members of the foreign debt funding commission in accordance with the recent change in the law. The additional members are Representative Charles R. Crisp of Georgia and former Representative Olney of Massachusetts. Both are Democrats.

The Senate later confirmed the two new commissioners and also the nomination of D. B. Crisler to be Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR LUNCHEON WITH SOVEREIGNS.

London, March 2nd.

The German Ambassador, Dr. Strauss, lunched with the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace yesterday. This is the first time a German Ambassador has lunched at the Royal Palace since the outbreak of the war.

NOMINATION FOR COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY REJECTED.

Washington, March 3rd.

The Senate Committee on banking today reported favourably on the contested nomination of James G. McNary, of New Mexico, as Comptroller of the Currency. Senator Couzens (Rep.) of Michigan, prepared a minority report, which is said to be a criticism of McNary's administration as president of the First National Bank of El Paso, Texas. The final vote of the committee in favour of confirmation was said to have been eight to six.

The Senate in executive session late tonight considered the nomination of James G. McNary, of El Paso, Texas, to be comptroller of the currency, but action went over until tomorrow.

Sensor Couzens, of Michigan, it is understood, blocked action. The work of the sixty-seventh congress which adjourns in a few days was virtually completed and innumerable bills scheduled for enactment were blocked by a spectacular filibuster to obtain a house vote on the Senate resolution by the Government of \$10,000,000 worth of nitrate, calcium and arsenate for sale to southern cotton planters. The filibuster tied up the closing of congress for hours.

James G. McNary, of New Mexico, was not confirmed by the Senate as Comptroller of the currency. Senator Couzens, of Michigan, in a statement said McNary was not fitted for the place.

DEMOCRATS TURN DOWN PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS.

Washington, March 3rd.

President Harding today nominated Senator Carter Glass (Dem.), of Virginia, to be a member of the war debt funding commission, but he declined the appointment. The President then nominated Senator Simmons (Dem.), of North Carolina, as a member of the commission in place of Senator Glass, but he telegraphed his colleague, Senator Crenshaw, of North Carolina, that he would be unable to accept the appointment.

HENRY FRICK'S ESTATE.

New York, March 3rd.

The State Tax Commission today valued the late Henry Frick's estate at \$25,353,352. The tax on the estate will be \$2,923,925.

[Henry O. Frick was an associate of Andrew Carnegie in the manufacture of steel. He came into public notice in 1892 by his vigorous management during the famous strike at Homestead, Pa., when he was stabbed and shot several times by one of the strikers. He was chairman of the board of the H. O. Frick Coke Co., the largest producer of coke in the world, operating nearly 40,000 acres of coal lands and 22,000 coke ovens with a daily capacity of 25,000 tons. He was a director in many railroad companies, banks and other corporations.]

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FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH ROUTE'S AGENCY.)

TSAO KUN AND WU PEI FU WORKING TOGETHER.

Peking, March 8th.

An important note on the present Cabinet crisis reveals that Generals Tsao Kun and Wu Pei Fu are working together. It has been widely reported recently that there has been much friction between them.

PEKING CABINET RESIGNS.

Peking, March 8th.

The Cabinet resigned en bloc this evening.

BIG STRIKE IN CEYLON.

Colombo, March 8th.

Fifteen thousand railway and engineering coolies are involved in a strike which is unprecedented in Ceylon, and has now lasted a fortnight. There is considerable intimidation, and the bunkering of vessels is being impeded. Several ships have been diverted to other ports.

The harbour is completely paralysed owing to the strike of cargo coolies. No loading or unloading of coal is possible.

BOXER FUNDS.

London, March 8th.

The Textile Machinery Makers' Association has formulated plans to establish a textile technical school in China, and has decided to apply to the Government for a share in the remitted Boxer indemnity.

AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

London, March 8th.

The following telegrams are taken from Indian exchanges:—

CITY EQUITABLE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

London, February 19th.

Mr. George Mansell, manager of the City Equitable Fire Insurance Company, was charged at the Guildhall today for conspiracy with Mr. G. L. Bevan to obtain £110,000 from the Company by false pretences. He was remanded till Thursday and was refused bail.

ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA.

London, February 16th.

Lecturing at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Mr. H. V. Lanchester said a very small proportion of the larger buildings in India in recent years had reached a high standard and many were far below mediocrity. The time seemed to be approaching when the architect would have a chance of establishing himself in India, as there was a strong feeling against the continuance of Departmental control of works. He urged that architects for India should have a distinctive training. Hitherto no architectural school in India had been able to bring up its syllabus to the requirements of the R.I.B.A. for partial exemption. That of Bombay came nearest to this standard, and but for the lukewarm attitude of the Bombay Government towards it, this school might soon be able to claim such a position, but at present, Government refused the demand for its help on the ground of economy. If Bombay and other schools could develop up to the R.I.B.A. standard, this would enable Indians to qualify more satisfactorily than by visiting England, which tended to distract and confuse their architectural ideals.

A LUCKY ACCIDENT.

Washington, March 3rd.

Many of the most important discoveries in science and engineering have been made almost by accident. There is now in general use a process known to the textile industry as "wool carbonisation," which is really a method of removing from wool all the vegetable matter, such as straw and burrs, which the sheep may collect in its fleece. A British firm of dyers had provided their workers with overalls of cotton for the summer and of wool for the winter. These overalls got soiled during working hours and it was noticed that the dye liquor, which contained acid, soon corroded the cotton overalls, while the wool ones were not affected. To make quite sure of the difference an overall was made with alternate squares of cotton and of wool; and after this garment had been splashed with acid it was found that the woolen squares remained while the cotton ones disappeared. As cotton is similar in character to the straw, burrs and other vegetable fragments which get into sheep's wool, this firm quickly jumped to the idea that the same process could be used for destroying these foreign materials in wool.

ANTI-JAPANESE LEGISLATION IN MONTANA.

Helena, Mont., March 3rd.

Governor Dixon today signed the so-called anti-Japanese Bill prohibiting aliens from owning or leasing land in Montana.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

There were five cases of notifiable disease in the Colony on Thursday, all Chinese. They were: Small-pox, two (from Kowloon); diphtheria, one; enteric fever, one; and cerebro-spinal fever one. There was also one case of rabies reported at Kowloon.

A Chinese mendicant attempted to commit suicide in a police cell at the Central Police Station, on Thursday, by hanging himself with a piece of cloth. Fortunately discovery was made in time and he was later removed to Government Civil Hospital.

Yesterday's Garrison Command Orders mention that Lieut. E. L. Leader, 2nd Battalion King's Regiment, has resigned from February 7th. Captain S. A. Crawford and Captain R. E. Fleming, M.C., of the 2/4th Bombay Grenadiers have been granted leave of absence from April 7th to December 3rd.

Mr. F. J. Saunders, one of the Baymond and Whitecomb tour managers in charge of shore excursions fell from one of the upper decks of the *Resolute* after she had sailed from Hongkong. Mr. Saunders fell to the deck below and is believed to have broken a hip. He will remain in Manila and will be taken care of in the Naval Hospital at Cavite.

Sixteen of the Russian refugees under Admiral Stark's command in Mariveles are now serving short prison terms in Bilbilid having been found guilty by court-martial of mutiny, on board three different ships of the Admiral's fleet some time last month. The ages of these prisoners range between 17 and 32. They said the cause of the mutiny was overwork. The terms of imprisonment range from one to five months.

The monthly water return gives the storage in the reservoir supplying the City as 755 million gallons on the 1st March against 1,048 million gallons on the same date last year. The consumption was 181 million gallons against 200 million gallons during February last year. The supply this year was intermittent during February except for four days at Chinese New Year; in 1923 it was constant except in the Western District. At Kowloon the storage is 189 million gallons, against 198 million gallons last year, and the month's consumption, 48 million gallons against 43 million gallons last year. It will be seen that the City has slightly over four months' supply in the reservoir, while Kowloon has slightly less than four months' supply. The Kowloon reservoir has, however, to supply the waterboats at Lai-chikok. The figures for this supply are not given in the returns, but in the dry season it probably amounts to an additional draw off of nearly half a million gallons a day and would thus leave Kowloon with only three months' water in store.

SANITARY BOARD COOLIES AGAIN.

STORY OF A BONHAM ROAD ATTACK.

As a sequel to a brawl the other day in Bonham Road, between Sanitary Board coolies and earth coolies, six Sanitary Board coolies were charged before Mr. Lindsay, at the Magistrate's, yesterday morning, with assault.

It appears that the trouble developed over a woman-earth coolie-inadvertently dropping some rubbish on to the road. This annoyed the Sanitary Board coolies, who were cleaning up at the time. The woman was pursued by the sweepers. Her men folk came to the rescue and a stone-throwing competition ensued. The Sanitary Board coolies turned out in large numbers from their quarters nearby and joined in the fight. The earth coolies were joined by numbers from the hillside. When the police arrived on the scene the numbers had reached nearly 200. Police reinforcements were sent for and they experienced some difficulty in scattering the coolies. They secured the arrest of six of the more violent Sanitary Board coolies, including one who savagely attacked an Indian constable with a bamboo pole. They also arrested another man who attacked a Chinese constable.

His worship, after listening to the evidence, ordered the man who attacked the Indian constable to be sent to goal for four months. The man who attacked the Chinese constable was given three months, whilst the other four defendants were given 14 days each.

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EUROPEAN'S UNCANNY EXPERIENCE STORY OF AN OLD CALCUTTA GHOST.

A contributor to the Calcutta paper *New Empire*, writes:—
Calcutta is common with other large cities has its haunted houses, streets and lanes. While the traditional spectre in the shape of the White Lady, who in life is said to have met with a terrible death is attached to the late royal house of Prussia, Calcutta has among others its championing of a local personage and the stamping of soldiers in British Indian Street and within the past two or three days, its bearded Mahomedan of Phool Bagan is Entally.
A European who is fairly well-known in sporting circles in Calcutta and is considered to be a man who has so far feared neither man, beast nor hood, found it necessary for his dog breeding purposes to occupy a house with an extensive compound in Phool Bagan in Entally. On entering into occupation on the 1st of this month, he was informed by some of the local residents that the place was haunted, but he apparently took no notice of the matter and went on quite unconcerned with his own business, leaving the spook or whatever it was to take care of itself. Everything went off well up to the early hours of Tuesday morning. He was sleeping the sleep of the tired after a day's strenuous work when his bull-terrier dog that slept with him on the same cot, suddenly started barking and aroused him. He noticed that the animal was trembling through fright and doing its best to get its head inside his night coat. It was about four o'clock and on opening his eyes, he was horrified to see the figure of a Mahomedan with a flowing white beard cascading over his broad chest standing near the head of his cot. He was paralysed through fright, and well he might have been, for he was aware that it was something supernatural, since his doors had been bolted from inside the night previous and were intact when he found himself confronting the apparition. "I prayed," he states, "as I have never prayed before and the thing vanished." Such was the gentleman's experience and there is no reason to doubt his version of the occurrence.

THE BANKSHALL STREET SPOOK.

The building that at present houses the Central Police Courts in Bankshall Street, i.e., as is known, a relic of the days of Seraj-ud-Dowlah. It is said that the place was used as his harem, which consisted of a large number of Portuguese and Mahomedan ladies. A story has been current for some time that the place was haunted, and there is evidence to show that the figure of a venerable Mahomedan has on occasions been passing through the Court room of the Chief Presidency Magistrate. Out of respect for the law, perhaps, the spook is said to be particularly well behaved for it contents itself by simply walking from one room to another and disappearing through a side passage. The apparition was said to have been last seen, about three years ago.

ACTING THE SPOOK.

Ramdas who had a nodding acquaintance with English, was many years ago well known to the police as a most dangerous European house thief. Ramdas after having been convicted on five or six occasions, embraced Christianity and blossomed forth as John De Mello. He married an Indian Christian girl and outwardly was a changed man, but later events proved him to have been a regular churchgoer every Sunday and a burglar on every other night of the week.
Mr. A. who occupied a flat in Camao Street on his return home during the early hours of one morning was thunder-struck to find a white figure inside his room rummaging his almirah. Mr. A. closed with the figure which turned out to have been a well greased and soot covered individual, who had picked up a sheet from a cut and thrown it over himself on hearing footsteps and acted the part of a ghost. The "ghost" was identified as Ramdas alias John De Mello. He was convicted and on his release was deported to the Punjab of which province he was a native.

TRAINING OF MEDIUMS. QUESTION OF PUBLIC BENEFIT.

In the Chancery Division, on January 20th, Mr. Justice Russell delivered a considered judgment in which he held that a gift of £3,000 by a testator to the London Spiritualistic Alliance, Ltd. for the training and development of mediums, especially "healing mediums" and "mediums for the diagnosis of disease," was not a valid charitable gift, not a trust for the public benefit, and not a trust which the court could, if called upon, itself administer and control. He stated that the affidavit put in by the Alliance (one being made by Sir A. Cowan Doyle) in support of the gift afforded the court no assistance in deciding whether the gift was or might be for the public good, because they contained nothing but "vague expressions of opinion and belief." He decided against the contention that it was for the donor and not the court to decide whether the gift might be operative for the public benefit.

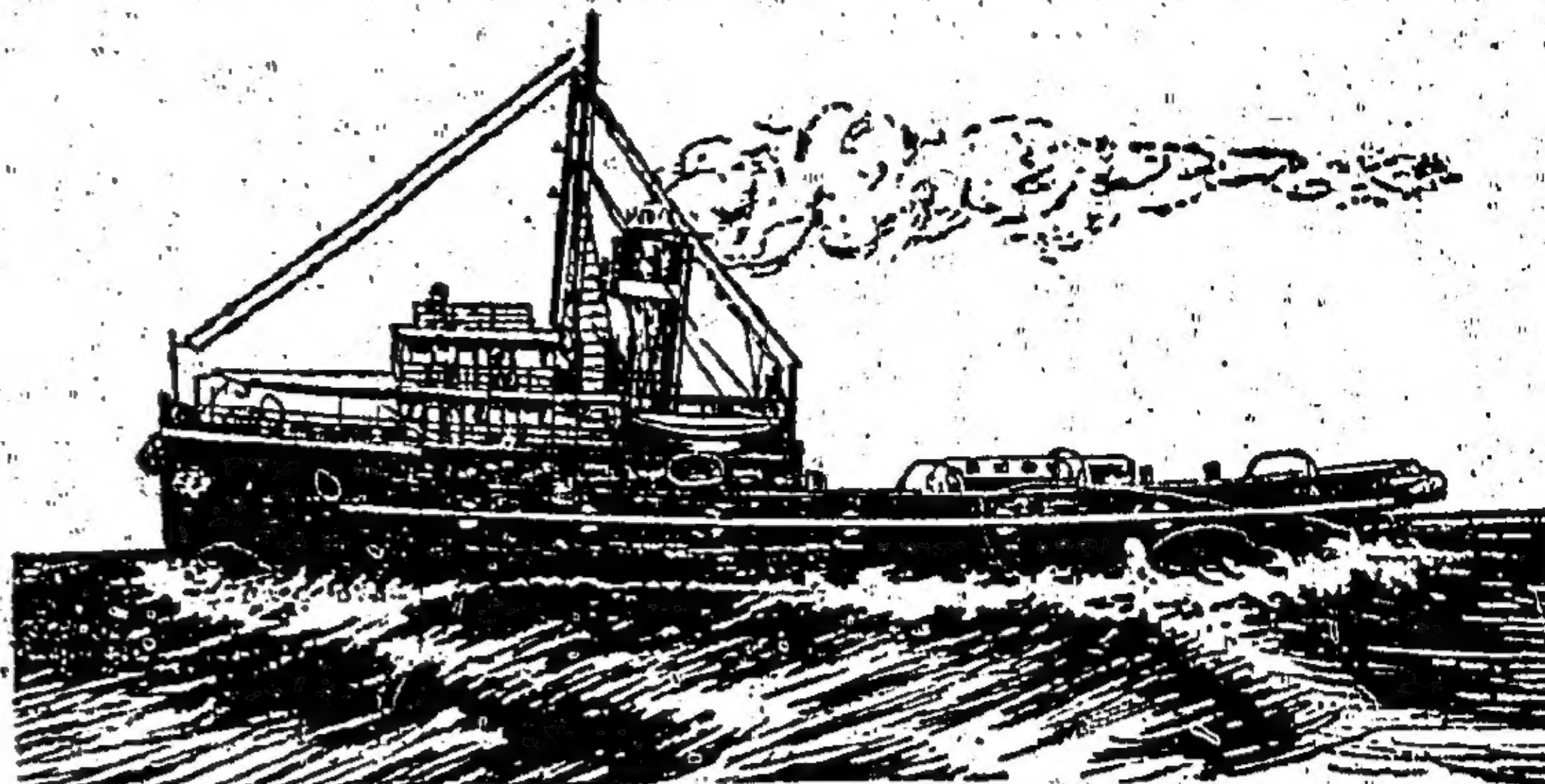
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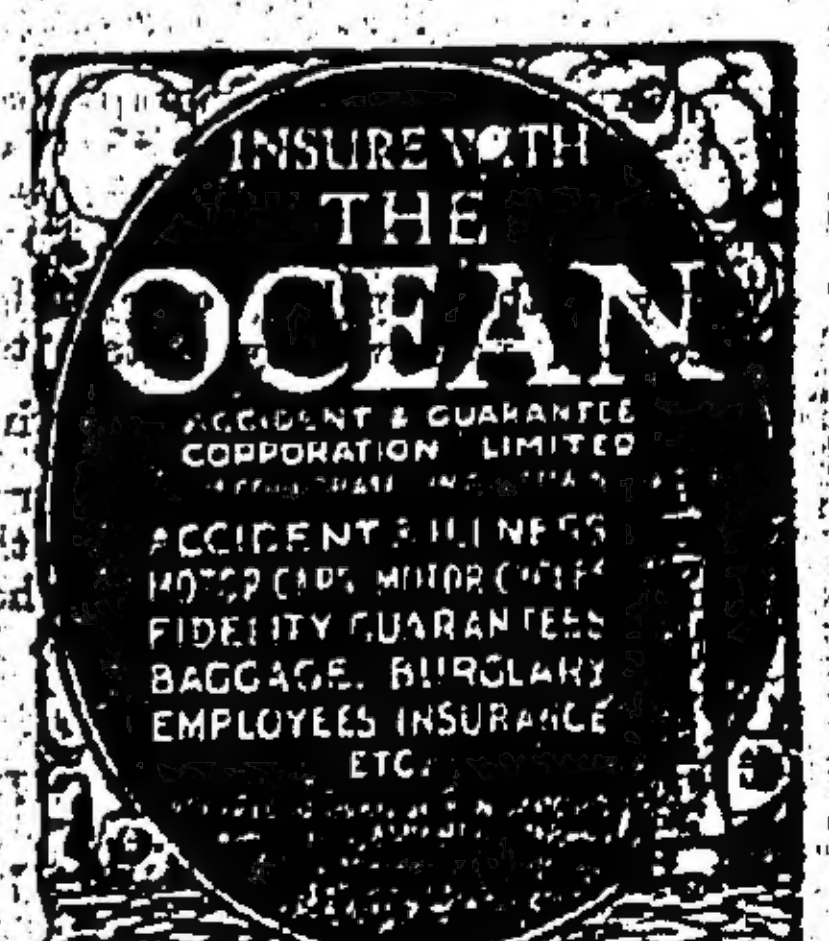
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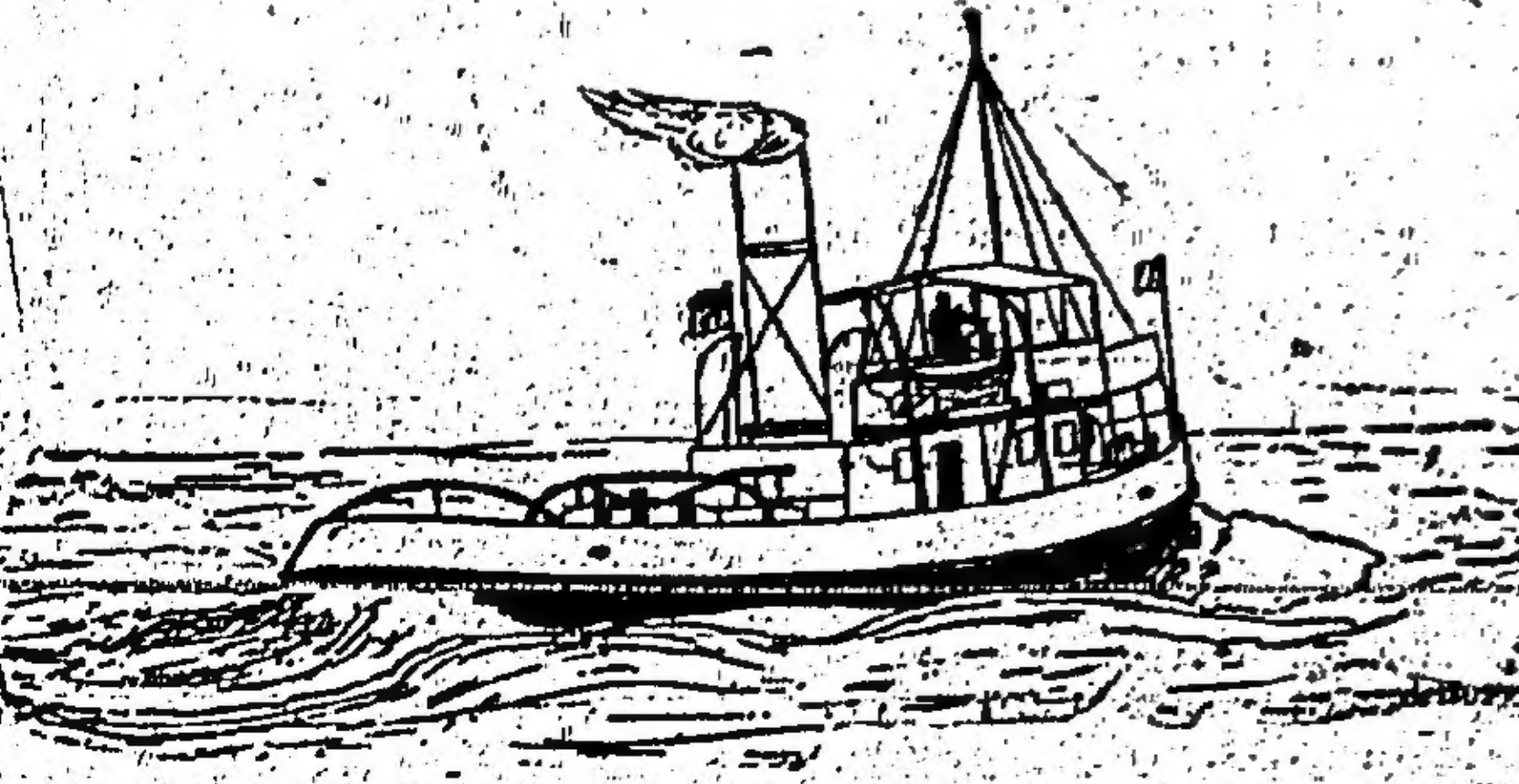
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SPEECH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

A WONDERFUL FEAT.

"Hello, London!" was the fraternal greeting which was received in London from New York in January. It was like one friend calling to another at a distance. In truth, it was a daydreaming greeting; it ushered in, simply and in characteristic American fashion, the morning of a new epoch in Transatlantic communication.

Those privileged to hear the voice of young America calling across to Old England in the still hours of the night were strangely moved, says the *Morning Post*.

The occasion was an attempt organized by the International Western Electric Company to transmit conversation by radio telephony from America to this country. It took place at New Southgate, when about sixty guests of the company assembled for the event. The tests lasted from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m. Although framed on an ambitious scale, they were in the highest degree successful. Not only was it a demonstration of speech transmission by wireless, but there was also some remarkably rapid transmission of cable messages in reply to wireless talks from New York by Mr. H. B. Thayer, Mr. W. S. Gifford, Mr. J. J. Carty, and Mr. Blackwell, of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. These cablegrams were read out and acknowledged personally by means of means of radio telephony coming 3,500 miles across the Atlantic. The average time occupied in the transmission of the cable messages between New York and New Southgate was two minutes.

The last message of the tests was perhaps the most interesting of all. It was the first interview ever conducted by Transatlantic wireless telephony. At 3.45 a.m. a message was sent from the party at New Southgate asking Mr. Thayer for his opinion on the prospects of the Ku Klux Klan movement in Europe. At 3.56 a.m. (thirteen minutes later) Mr. Thayer made the following verbal reply, which was taken verbatim by the *Morning Post* representative as it was heard through the medium of a loud "speaker."

I have received a cablegram asking my opinion on the Ku Klux Klan movement becoming popular in Europe. As I understand the Ku Klux Klan movement, it is a movement for a more healthy Americanism; but a lawless movement. I hope that Americanism will increase in Europe, but it is my opinion that in these times of unrest and unrest the remedy is abiding by laws, rather than neglecting them. Believe that no movement which depends on disregard of law will have any long life either in the United States or elsewhere, and that the period when such a movement will have a tendency to extend is coming to a close. I am sorry that the representatives of the British Press chose a subject of which I know so little, but I thank them for the opportunity of saying what I have said. This will terminate the demonstration. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for hearing us so patiently until this late hour. I want to express my best wishes for your health and prosperity at the beginning of this new year, and I hope that at the end of it we shall see the affairs of the earth more settled. Good night.

Mr. E. Gill, European Chief-Engineer of the International Western Electric Company, who presided over the demonstration, explained at the outset that they were engaged in the first attempt at conversation from America. There was an element of chance in that there were about 3,000 miles of uncontrolled space between them and the sending station. The tests were being conducted by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and by the Radio Corporation of America in co-operation, and were the outcome of a great amount of research and development. Special plant had been installed at Rocky Point, Long Island, and the speakers would be at 195, Broadway, New York. Between those two places, roughly 70 miles apart, telephone lines had been laid so that it was transmission by a combination of radio and wire. Although tests had been going on for some weeks, no conversation had so far been transmitted; there had been only signals and disconnected words. That night's tests, he added, would be links in the chain leading to the final conquest of speech over distance.

Those present at the demonstration included Senator Marconi, Sir A. Shirley Benn, M.P. (President, Associated Chambers of Commerce), Sir Evelyn Murray (Secretary, General Post Office), Captain Miles (representing the First Sea Lord), Mr. F. J. Brown (Assistant Secretary, G.P.O.), Group Captain Brandy (Air Ministry), Major T. F. Purves (Engineer-in-Chief, G.P.O.), Mr. E. H. Shaughnessy (Staff Engineer, G.P.O.), Mr. S. J. Goddard (General Manager, Western Union Telegraph Company), Mr. O. B. Harriman (First Secretary, United States Embassy), Commander F. C. Loring (Wireless Inspector, G.P.O.), Mr. L. A. Dalzell (Director of Telephones and Telegraphs, G.P.O.), and Mr. W. H. Eccles (City and Guilds Technical College).

FROM MANSION TO COTTAGE.

PEER AND HIGH TAXATION.

Lord Armstrong, who has a charming residence with beautifully laid-out grounds at Cragside, Rothbury, amid the Northumbrian hills, has decided, owing to the high taxation, to close the mansion and live in an adjacent cottage. Lord and Lady Armstrong take a keen interest in charity, and the grounds of Cragside are open to visitors each summer on payment of a fee, the proceeds being divided among various charities. This pleasing custom will be continued for the present year.

Lord Armstrong of Barmburgh and Cragside is the only son of the late Mr. J. W. Watson, of Alderston, Hall, Northumberland, and great-nephew of the inventor of the Armstrong gun, and founder of the Elswick Works. His great-uncle, whose pedigree became extinct at his death in 1900, left his property to the present baron, who assumed the additional name and arms of Armstrong, and was himself created a peer in 1903. He has one son, Captain the Hon. W. J. M. Watson-Armstrong.

LORD BEAVERBROOK AND GREAT EDITORS.

"The great editor must think with the people. That is why visualisation is a sure sign of talent in this boy, while the possession of style is so often a will-o-the-wisp," says Lord Beaverbrook in the *Sunday Express*. To put the matter in a slightly different form, what is required is a "mass touch." If the young journalist had to ask the furies for a gift, it is exactly this power he ought to choose. Nothing will stop the journalist who possesses it. But the fact remains that this fundamental quality of the editor seems to belong in the main to men who have not made choice of the academic career as an avenue into Fleet Street. The conclusion which must inevitably be drawn from the list I shall give is, that a public school and university course is no advantage to the journalist who aspires to be an editor, and may possibly be an actual hindrance. The evidence suggests that the more historic the university, the less the chance the student possesses of the editorial chair. And this is particularly curious, because amongst expert editors to be chosen from the class which has been through the public school or at least the university. Yet how does the matter stand according to "Who's Who?"

* London editors who have no public school or university training—

1. *Daily Express*, R. D. Blundenfeld.
 2. *Daily Chronicle*, E. A. Perrie.
 3. *Daily Telegraph*, Sir J. M. Lo Sage.
 4. *The Morning Post*, H. A. Gwynne.
 5. *Sunday Times*, Leonard Rees.
 6. *Sunday Express*, James Douglas.
 7. *The Observer*, J. L. Garvin.
 8. *Weekly Dispatch*, Bernard Falk.
 9. *The People*, Robert Donald.
 10. *Evening Standard*, Wilson Pope.
- The second list of London editors comprises those who, while educated at public schools and universities would, however wrong, hardly pass the test applied by the Eton, Rugby, and Oxford, or the Harrow, Winchester and Cambridge public school and university men.

1. *Daily Mail*, T. Marlowe, Queen's College, Galway.
 2. *Evening News*, C. J. Beattie, Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen University.
 3. *Daily News*, J. S. Hodgson, Christ College, Brecon; Queen's College, Oxford.
 4. *Pall Mall Gazette*, D. M. Sutherland, Edinburgh University.
- The final class consists of a single individual.

III. *The Times*, Geoffrey Dawson, Eton; Magdalen College, Oxford.

It will be observed that the greatest number of London editors have had no regular scholastic education at all, that the smaller schools and university foundations supply the residue, and that the highest traditional form of education boasts only one. The moral is obvious. The great majority of the editors are the men who began on the news and on the practical side. They have out-paced in the struggle the university graduate, who is apt to come to Fleet Street in the role of a man of letters interested in public affairs. This youth who aspires to journalism should therefore begin at the very bottom rung of the ladder, and starting as a reporter, should go through the whole weary round of sub-editing before he can hope to be a news editor. For not only will he learn in this way the whole technique of his profession, but he will be in constant touch with the actual raw material of his trade—the news.

CHURCH SERVICES.

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2648/6th	Mrs. Watson, Kowloon	Macao
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SHANGHAI via SWATOW	"ESANG"	Friday	15th Mar.
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TIENTSIN	"CHIRSHING"	Wednesday	21st Mar.
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Deception, British str., 4,336 tons, Capt. A. E. Batt, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Fukui Maru, Japanese str., 722 tons, Capt. K. Takamoto, from Keelung, with coal.—M.B.K.
Kanehara, British str., 1,222 tons, Capt. Wm Tonkin, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.
Tak Sang, British str., 977 tons, Capt. W. J. Booker, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—J.M. & Co.
Taming, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. R. Turnbull, from Amoy, with hemp and sugar.—B. & S.

March 9th.

Banca, British str., 3,693 tons, Capt. L. L. Williams, from Moji, with a general cargo.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.
Deception, British str., 1,047 tons, Capt. A. H. Brown, from Hoibow, with coal.—Yuen Cheong Lee.
Hanyang, British str., 1,228 tons, Capt. Hope, from Saigon, with rice.—B. & S.

Harimatsu Maru, Japanese str., 1,767 tons, Capt. Utsubo, from Moji, with coal.—M.B.K.
Hok (Anton), Chinese str., 558 tons, Capt. Leung Long, from K. C. Wan, with a general cargo.—Hong On & Co.

Huich, British str., from Canton.
Indra, Dutch str., 3,543 tons, Capt. H. Jacobson, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—John Manners & Co.

Juni Maru, Japanese str., 4,609 tons, Capt. P. Aoyama, from Moji, with a general cargo.—O.N.K.

Kingpin, Chinese str., from Canton.
Kunghat, Chinese str., from Canton.
Kwintah, British str., 1,073 tons, Capt. L. Jenkins, from Shanghai, with a general cargo.—B. & S.

Lusitania Maru, Japanese str., from Canton.
Majuro Maru, Japanese str., 4,303 tons, Capt. Y. Katori, from Moji, with a general cargo.—N.Y.K.

President (Brit), American str., 8,405 tons, Capt. M. M. Jensen, from Manila, with a general cargo.—Admiral Oriental Line.

Shraf Lunce, British str., from Canton.
Sunon, Chinese str., 394 tons, Capt. Kwok On, from K. C. Wan, with a general cargo.—Sui Kee & Co.

Trieste, Italian str., 5,593 tons, Capt. G. Guarantotto, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—Lloyd Triestino.
Van Glose, Dutch str., 4,519 tons, Capt. F. Schlette, from Singapore, with a general cargo.—J.C.J.L.

Yeiyo Maru, Japanese str., 1,287 tons, Capt. T. Kaneko, from Daigun, with coal.—M.B.K.

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Lina, for Hoibow.
Nim Sang, for Singapore.
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Sunli, for K. O. Wan.
Yuen Sang, for Manila.

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SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Mihima Maru* (European line) left Singapore for Hongkong on March 8th, and is expected here on March 13th.

The s.s. *Lahore* (P. & O.) left Shanghai for this port on Friday, March 9th, at 7 a.m., and is due here on Monday, March 12th, at noon.

The s.s. *Titan* (Blue Funnel) for Marseilles, Havre, Liverpool and Glasgow, left Shanghai on March 8th, and is due here on 11th, and will be despatched at daylight on March 13th.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* left Nagasaki on March 9th, at 4 p.m., and is due at Shanghai on March 10th, at 8 p.m. The steamer will leave Wosung at 2 p.m. to-morrow (Sunday).

The s.s. *Tathysius* (Blue Funnel) for Genoa, Marseilles, Liverpool and Glasgow, left Shanghai on March 9th, and is due here on March 12th, a.m.

The M.M. s.s. *Armand Behie* will sail from Saigon on March 11th, and is expected to arrive at Hongkong, via Haiphong, on March 17th.

The M.M. s.s. *André Lebon* left Marseilles yesterday, and is expected to arrive at Hongkong on April 10th.

WEATHER REPORT.

Mar. 9th at 11.57.—Pressure has decreased considerably over central and N.E. Japan, to Vladivostok. It has increased considerably at Shanghai and slightly from Formosa to Keelung. It is nearly stationary in southern districts.

The anticyclone over China has strengthened.

A depression is central over the Sea of Japan.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m., 9th Mar., 0.15 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.55 inches, against an average of 0.68 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon, 10th Mar., is as follows:—

DISTRICT FORECAST

Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, fresh overcast drizzle or mist.

Formosa Channel " " N.E. winds, strong.

South coast of China between Hongkong and Amoy " " The same as Hongkong and Amoy " " No 1.

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HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL RESUME.

Hongkong Observatory, March 9th.

Barometer	30.02	30.03	30.05
Thermometer	74	61	65
Humidity	81	86	83
Wind Direction	WNW	W	E
Force	1	3	0
Weather	om	od	0
Rain	0.1	0.00	0.02

Highest open-air temperature on 8th ... 74

Lowest open-air temperature on 8th ... 62

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From Mar. 10th to 16th, 1912.

Days of Week	Days of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		Standard Time	Height	Standard Time	Height
Satur	10	4 26	4 4	8 38	13 7
Sund	11	5 24	5 2	11 28	2 3
Mon	12	6 24	6 1	9 45	2 9
Tues	13	7 18	6 4	10 58	2 0
Wed	14	8 4	6 6	11 14	1 7
Thur	15	9 9	6 0	12 33	1 5
Fri	16	9 34	6 7	1 14	3 4

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VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via Shanghai Japan ports

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SHIZUOKA MARU ... Sunday, 18th Mar.

YOKOHAMA MARU ... Saturday, 7th April.

MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via Singapore, &c.

HAKONE MARU ... Wednesday, 14th Mar.

SUWA MARU ... Wednesday, 28th Mar.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIMA MARU ... Saturday, 24th Mar.

LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, &c.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 21st Mar.

YOSHINO MARU ... Thursday, 18th April.

NEW YORK & BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKETOYO MARU ... Middle April.

BUNOS AIRES via Singapore, Delagoa Bay, Durban & Cape Town.

KANAGAWA MARU ... Friday, 13th April.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.

NAGATO MARU ... Saturday, 10th Mar.

KAMAKURA MARU ... Thursday, 15th Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

MALACCA MARU ... Sunday, 11th Mar.

BENGAL MARU ... Saturday, 24th Mar.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

YOSHINO MARU ... Thursday, 15th Mar.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

TAJIMA MARU ... Tuesday, 13th Mar.

MISHIMA MARU ... Wednesday, 14th Mar.

HAZOKAKI MARU ... Monday, 28th Mar.

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
NEW YORK & PANAMA	Taketoyo Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On Middle April
NEW YORK & BOSTON	Colio Prince	Brit.	The Bank Line, Limited	On 18th Mar.
BOSTON & NEW YORK via SUEZ	Agamemnon	Brit.	Struthers & Barry	On 17th Mar.
SAN FRANCISCO	Dewey	Am.	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 14th Mar.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAP. PORTS & H.K.	President Taft	Am.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	About 2nd Mar.
VICTORIA & VANCOUVER, B.C. via SHANGHAI & H.K.	Empress Asia	Brit.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 18th Mar.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, J. PORTS	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 18th Mar.
VICTORIA, VANCOUVER, SEATTLE & TACOMA	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Butterfield & Swire	On 24th Mar.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE & VANCOUVER	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Canadian Pacific O. S. Ltd.	On 7th April.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c.	Shinko Maru	Jap.	P. & O. S. L. & A. L.	On 21st Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Messageries Maritimes	About 18th Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 14th Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, ANTWERP via SHANGHAI, &c.	Shinko Maru	Jap.	The Bank Line, Ltd.	On 24th Mar.
MARSEILLES, LONDON, & ROTTERDAM	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th Mar.
MARSEILLES, GENOA, LIVERPOOL & GLASGOW	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Butterfield & Swire	On 18th Mar.
LONDON, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Ozaka Shosen Kaisha	On 18th Mar.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM, ANTWERP & MARSEILLES	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
LONDON, GENOA, HULL, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM, HAMBURG & BREMEN	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
PORT SAID, VALENCIA, BORNEAU, HAVRE, ANT. DUT.	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
BOMBAY via SHANGHAI, COLOMBO	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
SINGAPORE, PANANG, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
SINGAPORE & BATAVIA via SHANGHAI	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
HOIHOW & BANKEO	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
HAIPHONG via SHANGHAI & PAKHOI	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
KEELUNG via SHANGHAI & AMOY	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
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AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	Shinko Maru	Jap.	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 18th Mar.
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"ALPHEA"	5,273	14th Mar. 4 p.m.	Singapore & Bombay
"KARACHI"	5,300	21st Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SOUFAN"	5,700	27th Mar.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"DONGOLA"	5,900	4th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"NAGPORA"	5,383	8th Apr.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"NANKIN"	7,000	18th Apr.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"SIOLIA"	6,800	21st Apr.	Spore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMA"	9,000	2nd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	9,000	16th May	do
"NYANZA"	7,000	30th May	do
"NOVARA"	6,850	13th June	do
"DELTA"	6,097	27th June	do
"MALWA"	10,941	11th July	do
"DEVANHA"	8,093	25th July	do

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"TANDA"	6,968	3rd Apr.	Calcutta via Singapore & Penang
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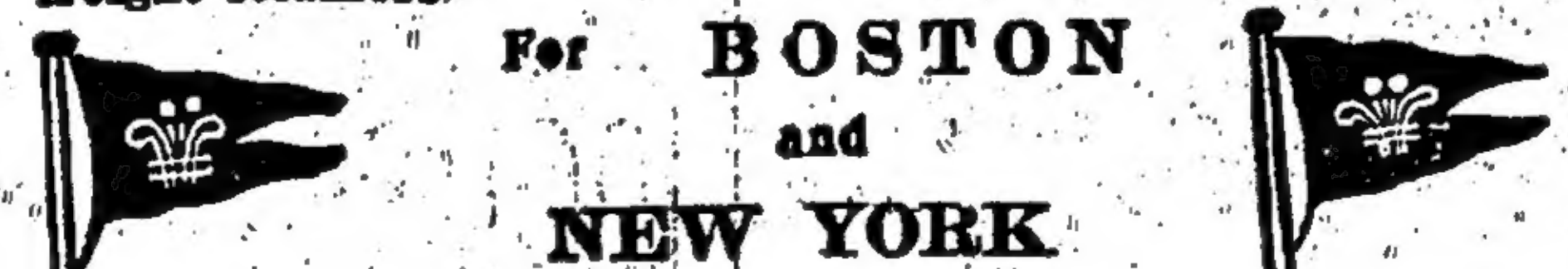
"NANKIN"	7,000	13th Mar. 4 p.m.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	6,000	13th Mar.	Japan Direct
"SOUFAN"	5,700	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"JAPAN"	6,000	18th Mar.	do

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

For	Steamer	To Sail
AMOY, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On 11th Mar. D.L.
UHEFOO & NEWCHOW	"TIENTSIN"	On 11th Mar. 4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"RANCHOW"	On 12th Mar. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KWEIYANG"	On 12th Mar. 4 p.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 13th Mar. D.L.
SWATOW & RANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 13th Mar. 4 p.m.
SWATOW & AMOY	"TAIYING"	On 13th Mar. 4 p.m.
AMOY, MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"TEAN"	On 14th Mar. 4 p.m.
NIENPO	"CHIENLI"	On 14th Mar. 4 p.m.
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"CITY OF LINCOLN"	via Suez Canal	23rd March
"EURYATES"	via Suez Canal	30th April
"KION"	via Suez Canal	15th April
"KARONGA"	via Suez Canal	23rd April

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Mail Steamers	Next Sailings from Marseilles	For Arr. at Hongkong and Sailing for Shanghai and Japan	Probable Sailing from Hongkong for Marseilles
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PORTHOS	—	—	3rd April
ARMAND BEUC	5th Feb.	17th March	17th April
PAULIECAT	23rd Feb.	27th March	1st May
ANDRE LEBON	9th March	10th April	16th May
AMBOISE	23rd March	24th April	29th May
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